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Zakiyyah Salim-Williams is a Partner and the Chief Diversity Officer at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP. Ms. Salim-Williams joined Gibson Dunn as Chief Diversity Officer in 2011, where she has led various diversity and inclusion efforts, including launching Women at Gibson Dunn and the Black Advancement Initiative, among others.

Prior to joining the Firm, Ms. Salim-Williams served as Diversity Director at the New York City Bar Association, clerked on the District Court for the Eastern District of New York and on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and was an associate at two global law firms. She also worked as an intern for the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund and for the White House Office of Counsel to the President.

Ms. Salim-Williams is also a Director on the New York Junior Tennis & Learning Board, and a founding member and advisor of the National Business Coalition for Child Care. She serves in an advisory and administrative role to the Board of the Alliance for Asian American Justice, a national pro bono initiative committed to standing up for victims, and preventing future acts of anti-Asian hate. Additionally, Salim-Williams played a leading role as a member of the Planning Committee for the George Floyd Global Memorial's 2nd Annual Rise and Remember Celebration in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

She graduated in 2001 from Columbia Law School, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and in 1998 from Howard University, summa cum laude with a degree in Political Science.