

# Women Leaders in Tech Law

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**A**shlie Beringer, partner and co-chair of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's privacy, cybersecurity and data innovation practice group in Palo Alto, California, is being recognized as one of 30 Women Leaders in Tech Law as part of The Recorder's California Legal Awards.

Beringer recently shared with The Recorder her accomplishments over the last year and advice for women starting out in tech.

**What's your proudest professional achievement of the past year and why?**

Guiding clients whose business models are under attack through a series of public crises by

successfully fending off regulatory enforcement, developing a consistent strategic narrative in external communications, policies and advocacy, and designing product and business strategies that reframe the narrative while advancing business goals. Having lived through several moments like this at Facebook, I understand the power of providing perspective, targeted and actionable guidance to aid clients in executing quickly and effectively in the fog of a challenging moment.

**What's one piece of advice you'd give to a woman starting out in tech law?**

Be curious and develop a deep understanding of the underlying technology and business environment, not just the legal environment.

**What is a group or tool that has helped you grow in your career or contributes to the development of pipelines for women leaders in tech law?**

I engage meditation, mindfulness-based stress reduction and spiritual practices to find stillness and access deeper states of intuition and meaning, which is essential to my professional efficacy and sustainability. During the past year, I have also led small workshops with female executives and thought leaders to deepen these tools for accessing our highest power.

**What aspects of your work do you find meaningful?**

The close relationships and trust I have with my clients and teams and the opportunity to guide them through difficult moments with the distance and clarity that comes from being a step removed from their internal environment. A positive team culture and interactions with clients and colleagues that aren't purely transactional. It's important to balance the efficiency of remote working models with the human connections that are so critical for organizations, particularly in times of high stress or disruptive change.