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## Gibson, Dunn Of Counsel to Become Solicitor General of Texas

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Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott announced April 9 that he will appoint James C. "Jim" Ho as the state's new solicitor general. Abbott posted the announcement on the Office of the Attorney General's Web site.

Ho, of counsel at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in Dallas, will replace Ted Cruz, who has been solicitor general since 2003. According to the AG's Web site, Ho will assume his new duties when Cruz returns to private practice later this spring.

Lauri Saathoff, an OAG spokeswoman, says the office does not have details on Cruz's departure date or where he plans to go.

Ho, a 1999 graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, served as chief counsel for U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, from 2003-2005 and was a law clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas during the court's 2005 term, according to the AG's Web site. He joined Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in Dallas in 2006.

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