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Anna is a partner in our Silicon Valley office.

As the Head of Gunderson Dettmer's Data Privacy Practice, Anna counsels clients on a broad range of U.S. and European data privacy and security issues, including the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), HIPAA, COPPA and complex cross-jurisdictional data privacy matters. Anna represents emerging company clients across industry sectors, from consumer internet, consumer products, ad tech, health tech, consumer genetic, financial technology, and software and SaaS industries, as well as a number of leading venture capital firms. Anna has significant experience guiding clients through GDPR and CCPA compliance, and advising on model contract clauses, privacy policies, data processing agreements, and global privacy compliance strategies. She also advises on data privacy and security issues in venture capital financings, mergers and acquisitions, and IPOs.

Anna is a Fellow of Information Privacy (FIP) as well as a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP), holding the U.S. private-sector certification (CIPP/US), the EU data protection certification (CIPP/E), and the Information Privacy Manager certification (CIPM), each granted by the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP). The FIP and CIPP designations are the global standard in privacy certification, and demonstrate a strong foundation in U.S. and EU private-sector privacy laws and regulations.

Prior to joining Gunderson Dettmer, Anna was an intellectual property associate in the San Francisco office of Kirkland & Ellis, LLP. Prior to Kirkland & Ellis, she was an associate in the London office of Herbert Smith, LLP (now Herbert Smith Freehills, LLP).

Recent Presentation

EDUCATION

- University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, LL.M.

- Nottingham Law School, Law
- University of Edinburgh, M.A., English Literature and History of Art

ACHIEVEMENTS

Fellow of Information Privacy

CIPP/US Certified

CIPP/E Certified

CIPM Certified

FOCUS

- Data Privacy
- Strategic Transactions & Licensing
- Entrepreneurs & Emerging Companies
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Fund Portfolio Investments
- Pre-Venture, Venture and Growth Financings

ADMISSIONS

- California
- Law Society of England and Wales