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Luke is a senior corporate and securities associate in our Austin office.

Luke specializes in representing emerging and high-growth companies and investors on a broad range of transactional matters. In his role as a corporate lawyer, he provides strategic, practical advice at all stages of a company's life cycle, from initial formation, venture capital financings and during a company's ultimate sale or public offering. Luke has substantial experience representing both buyers and sellers in M&A transactions involving strategic and private equity acquirers. In addition, he acts as outside general counsel for many of his early stage clients, advising on key business, legal and strategic issues that arise in their day-to-day operations. Prior to practicing law, Luke worked in finance and held the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

Luke was a member of the founding team of the Austin office of Gunderson Dettmer. Luke shared in his press release upon joining the firm, "Gunderson Dettmer has both a collaborative team and international presence that works well for our companies. The firm's focus on client service and taking a practical approach to issues that actually matter to entrepreneurs and their investors is one of the many things that sets Gunderson Dettmer apart. The chance to be a co-founder of Gunderson Dettmer's Austin office is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and I look forward to leveraging the breadth of experience and exceptional resources of Gunderson in our local market."

Luke lives in Austin with his wife and two boys.

EDUCATION

- University of Texas School of Law, J.D.
 - with highest honors
- Texas Tech University, M.B.A.

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 - *magna cum laude*

ACHIEVEMENTS

Luke was selected for inclusion in "Ones to Watch" by *Best Lawyers* in Corporate Law and Mergers and Acquisitions Law (since 2023)

FOCUS

- Corporate Governance & Strategy
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Data Privacy
- Entrepreneurs & Emerging Companies
- Pre-Venture, Venture and Growth Financings

ADMISSIONS

- Texas