



## ***Benjamin A. Cohen-Kurzrock***

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**Benjamin is a corporate and securities associate in our San Diego office.**

Benjamin represents emerging growth companies throughout their lifecycles, with a practice that currently focuses on general corporate counseling, venture capital financings, and mergers and acquisitions. He represents a wide variety of technology companies from consumer internet, software, telecommunications, and entertainment technology industries, as well as a number of leading venture capital firms, often using a team-based approach to help achieve business and nonbusiness goals.

Prior to joining Gunderson Dettmer, Benjamin was a Senior Associate at Baker Botts L.L.P., where he worked with the *Chambers*-ranked team in the Tax Department (Private Client Section) to represent the Nation's wealthiest individuals and families in a wide range of tax and fiduciary matters across the wealth creation and preservation lifecycle. He has a deep and unique understanding of issues affecting the design, implementation, and defense of estate, wealth-preservation, and business-succession plans, including having worked on dozens of docketed and non-docketed income, gift, and estate tax controversy cases.

Benjamin obtained hands-on accounting and finance experience while working with global (Big 4) accounting firms and an investment bank. During law school, he had

the honor of serving as a summer law clerk for the Honorable David Hittner of the US District Court for the Southern District of Texas and for the Honorable David Jones of the US Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Beyond client work, Benjamin has been an author on more than a dozen articles published by Bloomberg BNA, Tax Notes, Nature Reviews Clinical Oncology, The American Bar Association, and The Houston Law Review, and he has been a frequent speaker for The American Bar Association and Strafford (a national CLE provider). Benjamin also dedicates time each year to helping clients on a pro bono basis, including having assisted in obtaining Federal tax exemptions for nonprofits, drafting estate planning documents for veterans and the elderly, resolving disputes with the IRS, and preparing disaster-relief guides.

Recently, Thompson Reuters named Benjamin a Texas “Rising Star” for 2022, a peer-nominated and reviewed designation bestowed on only 2.5% of attorneys.

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

- University of Houston Law Center, J.D.  
*magna cum laude*  
Houston Law Review, Chief HLRe Editor (Board 52)
- University of Houston, C.T. Bauer College of Business, M.S., Accounting
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### BAR ADMISSIONS

- California
- Texas
- US Tax Court

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- *Best Lawyers* “Ones to Watch” 2023 in the following practice areas: Litigation and Controversy - Tax, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates
- Thompson Reuters’ *Super Lawyers* 2022 Texas Rising Star
- Certified Public Accountant

## Focus Areas

Corporate Governance & Strategy  
Mergers & Acquisitions  
Fund Investments in Companies  
Public Companies/Public Offerings  
Seed, Venture and Growth Financings

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City Therapeutics Announces Launch with \$135M Series A Financing

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### CLIENT NEWS

Gunderson Dettmer Advises Tarsus Pharmaceuticals On \$115.0 Million Public Offering

### FIRM NEWS

Best Lawyers Recognizes 25 Gunderson Dettmer Attorneys in the 2024 Best Lawyers in America Guide

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## Tarsus Pharmaceuticals Announces \$100M Public Offering

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## Viridos Announces its \$25M Series A Financing

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## Best Lawyers Recognizes 19 Gunderson Dettmer Attorneys as 2023 Best Lawyers in America

### CLIENT NEWS

## Section 32 Leads \$75M Series B Financing of BigHat Biosciences to Design Safer, More Effective Antibodies

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## Anduril Announces Acquisition of Klas to Advance Tactical Edge Computing and Communications

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## Prosus Leads US\$7.25M Financing of Zapia

### CLIENT NEWS

## Brazilian Carbon Capture Company Mombak Announces \$30M Financing

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## Latin American Fintech Clara Announces \$80 Million Financing

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## Glacier Announces Series A Financing to Expand Robot Recycling Fleet

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## Dataminr Announces \$100M Investment Led by Fortress Investment Group

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## Omnidian Announces \$87M Series C for Renewable Energy Performance

## INSIGHTS

Splitting the Pie: How Savvy Founders Divide Ownership and Navigate Other Founder Equity Decisions

## CLIENT NEWS

Chainguard Announces \$356 Million Series D Led by Kleiner Perkins and IVP

## CLIENT NEWS

Two Sigma Ventures Leads \$30M Series C of Steadily

## INSIGHTS

Client Insight: Prepare for BE-10 Benchmark Survey of US Direct Investment Abroad