



The Legal 500 Recognizes Eight Gunderson Dettmer Partners and U.S. 2025 Tier 1 Law Firm

Firm News

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Gunderson Dettmer has been ranked as a **Tier 1 law firm** by **The Legal 500** in the United States for 2025, specifically recognizing the firm's excellence in mergers and acquisitions, as well as its work with venture capital and emerging companies. This ranking highlights the firm's leadership and expertise in these practice areas.

A Tier 1 ranking by The Legal 500 signifies that Gunderson Dettmer is considered among the top-performing law firms in the United States for:

1. Mergers and acquisitions
2. Venture capital transactions
3. Advising emerging companies

This distinction reflects the firm's strong client relationships, deep industry knowledge and consistent delivery of high-quality legal services.

This year's recognition also emphasized the commitment and dedication of eight (8) of our partners for their standout contributions to their respective practices: Marc Dupre, Tim Ehrlich, Steve Franklin, David Gammell, Ivan Gaviria, Jay Hachigian, Kenneth McVay, and Malcolm Nicholls III.

Notable Transactions Across Industries

1. **Lightmatter Raises \$400M Series D Financing at \$4.4B Valuation, Led by T.**

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2. Kelonia Therapeutics and Xyphos Biosciences Enter \$800M Research and Licensing Partnership
3. Kleiner Perkins Announces Two New Funds Totaling \$2B to Back Early and High-Inflexion Stage Companies
4. Brixton Biosciences Raises \$33M Series B to Advance Pain Management Solutions, Led by Schooner Capital
5. Alamar Biosciences Secures \$128M Series C to Accelerate Proteomics Platform Commercialization, Led by Sands Capital
6. Pendo Acquires Zelta AI to Expand AI-Driven Product Insights
7. Healthcare Investment Firm OrbiMed Raises \$4.3B Across Private Funds

About The Legal 500 Rankings

The Legal 500 is a globally respected legal directory that evaluates law firms based on several criteria, including:

1. Quality of service delivered to clients
2. Feedback from clients and peers
3. Market presence and reputation within the legal industry

These rankings are intended to provide an independent assessment of law firm capabilities and to guide clients in selecting legal counsel for specialized needs.

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