

Best Lawyers Recognizes 38 Gunderson Dettmer Attorneys in the 2026 Best Lawyers in America Guide

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Best Lawyers recognized 38 Gunderson Dettmer attorneys across both the 2026 editions of The Best Lawyers in America list, a representation of the top 5% of lawyers across the United States, and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America, a recognition of attorneys who are earlier in their careers for outstanding professional excellence in private practice in America.

This year's recognition continued the legacy of celebrating exceptional legal professionals who distinguished themselves through insight, expertise, and commitment to excellence. Selected through a comprehensive peer-review process, the honorees represented the highest caliber of the profession. The list highlighted individual accomplishments while also illustrating the dynamic progression of the legal field, underscoring the enduring values of integrity, capability, and dedication in practice.

Congratulations to the following attorneys:

The Best Lawyers in America 2026:

Atlanta, GA

- John C. Yates
 - International Mergers and Acquisitions

Austin, TX

- Wesley C. Watts
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
 - Venture Capital Law

Boston, MA

- David D. Gammell
 - Corporate Law
- Jay K. Hachigian
 - Corporate Law
 - Venture Capital Law
- Malcolm B. Nicholls III
 - Corporate Law
 - Private Funds / Hedge Funds Law
 - Venture Capital Law
- C. Max Perlman
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Employment Law - Individuals
 - Employment Law - Management
 - Litigation - Labor and Employment

Redwood City, CA

- Scott C. Dettmer
 - Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
 - Venture Capital Law

- Steven R. Franklin
 - Venture Capital Law
- Sharon J. Hendricks
 - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Andrew Y. Luh
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Daniel E. O'Connor
 - Venture Capital Law
- Jeffrey R. Vetter
 - Corporate Law
 - Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Thomas F. Villeneuve
 - Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
 - Technology Law
 - Venture Capital Law

San Diego, CA

- Ross L. Burningham
 - Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
 - Venture Capital Law
- Jeffrey C. Thacker
 - Corporate Governance Law

San Francisco, CA

- Brooks Stough

- Corporate Law
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Venture Capital Law

2026 Ones to Watch Awards:

Atlanta, GA

- Matt Miehl
 - Corporate Law
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
 - Technology Law
- Harison D. Puder
 - Corporate Law
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Brad Spinner
 - Corporate Law
 - Technology Law
- John D. Taylor
 - Corporate Law
 - Technology Law
- Alex Weaver
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
 - Venture Capital Law

Austin, TX

- Benjamin L. Cukerbaum
 - Intellectual Property Law
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
 - Technology Law
- Luke Thomas
 - Corporate Law
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Boston, MA

- Emmanuel M. Johnson
 - Corporate Governance and Compliance Law
- Timothy J. Kulis
 - Corporate Law
- Mark Macchi
 - Labor and Employment Law - Management
 - Litigation - Labor and Employment

Los Angeles, CA

- Jennifer Sayles Okorn
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law

New York, NY

- Emily E. Cabrera
 - Corporate Law
- Jose J. Rivera
 - Banking and Finance Law

- Jeffrey I. Salomon
 - Litigation - Labor and Employment
- Aliya J. Sanders
 - Intellectual Property Law
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law
 - Venture Capital Law
- Viviane K. Scott
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Labor and Employment Law - Employee
- Caroline H. Shipman
 - Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Elena M. Vespoli
 - Corporate Law
 - Financial Services Regulation Law

Redwood City, CA

- Chase Beckstead
 - Venture Capital Law
- Angela C. Griggs
 - Intellectual Property Law
 - Litigation - Patent

San Diego, CA

- Ryan M. Enchelmayer
 - Technology Law

- Alex Lee
 - Intellectual Property Law

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