

Gunderson Dettmer Grows Headcount 30% in ‘Banner Year’ Driven by Tech and Life Sciences Boom

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“We’re different by design and intentionality,” M&A chair Andrew Luh said. “And our existence is proof that not everyone has to follow the same department store model to run a successful firm.”

What You Need to Know

- Gunderson Dettmer increased its head count by one-third to 422 lawyers including 110 partners in 2021.
- Revenue and head count grew substantially in growth equity, M&A and public companies practices, firm leaders said.
- The firm said its practices are expected to continue growing as clients grow their own businesses.

Tremendous demand from tech and life sciences clients fueled a historic year of growth in 2021 for Gunderson Dettmer Stough Villeneuve Franklin & Hachigian, according to firm leadership.

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Gunderson was already active in dealmaking, and in 2021 it saw its deal value for venture financings increase 107%. As more of the firm's long-term clients became late-stage companies, and investor interest surged, M&A and IPO activity also ticked up.

"I can qualitatively say it was a banner year for the firm," managing partner David Young said. "In a normal year, some practices are up and some are down. Last year, everything was up."

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