

Heidi Walas Joins Gunderson Dettmer's Leading Emerging Companies Practice

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Gunderson Dettmer announced today that Heidi Walas has joined the firm's leading emerging companies practice, resident in the Silicon Valley office.

Walas represents emerging growth companies and early-stage investors, focusing on venture financings, corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, technology transfers and general business matters. She joins the firm from Silicon Legal Strategy where she was a partner.

"We are delighted to add Heidi to our firm. She brings not only significant legal acumen but also the same practical business approach that has earned Gunderson Dettmer the trust and confidence of its clients. Heidi will further strengthen our Northern California office and contribute to our continued growth and success in the marketplace," said Ivan Gaviria, Gunderson Dettmer's Northern California regional leader.

Walas regularly acts as outside general counsel for Northern California-based startups, providing legal, business and strategic advice throughout their lifecycle. She also represents venture capital funds in connection with their investments.

"Gunderson's reputation in the marketplace is impressive and they provide exceptional service to companies from formation through IPO – both motivating factors in joining the firm," said Walas. "The companies I work with are gaining access to a tremendous full-service team, and can tap into experience gained from working on some of the most impressive transactions in the market. This is perfect alignment for growth – for my clients and my practice."

Walas is a graduate of the University of California, Hastings College of the Law (J.D., 2007) and the University of San Francisco (BABS, 2002).

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