

# Gunderson Dettmer Announces New Partners

## Firm News

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Gunderson Dettmer Stough Villeneuve Franklin & Hachigian, LLP has elected seven new partners, effective January 1, 2020. The new partners are a diverse group and represent three different practice groups and three different U.S. offices.

“We are delighted to welcome these exceptional lawyers to the Partnership,” said Robert V. Gunderson, Jr., Chairman. “They have distinguished themselves by providing extraordinary service to our clients.”

The seven new partners are:

**Randall J. Clark**, *Corporate and Securities*, New York. Randall represents emerging growth companies on both governance matters and corporate transactions throughout their lifecycles. Randall also represents a number of leading venture capital firms in their investments and portfolio company exits. Among his representations, Randall advised Compass and Oscar Health in venture capital and growth equity financings that have amassed over \$1 billion in funding for each company, and he recently advised Managed by Q in its acquisition by WeWork.

**Jonathan J. Goodwin**, *Fund Formation and Tax*, Northern California. Jonathan’s practice focuses on the formation and general representation of early stage to growth-stage venture capital firms such as Jerusalem Venture Partners, Kleiner Perkins, Sequoia Capital, Shunwei Capital, Sofinnova Investments, and WTI. Notably, Jonathan recently represented Sequoia Capital in the formation of six of its funds in the U.S., India and China; Kleiner Perkins in the formation of its latest fund; and Shunwei Capital in the formation of two of its China-focused funds.

**Nicholas Harley**, *Corporate and Securities*, Ann Arbor. Nick co-founded the firm's office in Ann Arbor, Michigan, which focuses on representing companies and investors in the Midwest venture ecosystem. In addition, Nick represents high-growth companies and venture and growth equity investors on both coasts, as well as up-and-coming Canadian technology companies in cross-border transactions. He recently advised Duo Security in its \$2.35 billion acquisition by Cisco, StockX in its \$110 million Series C venture financing and Sequoia Capital as lead investor in Aurora's \$530 million Series B financing.

**Jaime L. Narayan**, *Fund Formation and Tax*, Northern California. Jaime's practice focuses on the formation and general representation of venture capital and other investment funds, as well as tax-efficient commercial and transactional structures for our investment fund and corporate clients. Fund clients include Coatue, Forgepoint, Illumina Innovations Fund, GV and Waverly Capital. Recent M&A transactions and late-stage financings include those for Coupa Software, Flipkart, UiPath, and POPSUGAR.

**John H. Olson**, *Corporate and M&A*, Northern California. John is a leader in Gunderson Dettmer's Mergers & Acquisitions practice, advising sellers, buyers and investors in private and public technology and life sciences companies. John has closed over 50 M&A transactions, with an aggregate value in excess of \$80 billion, including for Flipkart (acquired by Walmart for \$16 billion), Duo Security (acquired by Cisco for \$2.35 billion), Cornershop (acquired by Uber), NGINX (acquired by F5 Networks for \$670 million) and Coupa Software in multiple acquisitions.

**Michael N. Richman**, *Executive Compensation & Benefits*, Northern California. Michael focuses his practice on executive compensation-related aspects of corporate transactions and public offerings, as well as key employee representations and related tax matters. Among numerous transactions, Michael advised Anaplan in its initial public offering and ARMO BioSciences in its \$1.6 billion acquisition by Eli Lilly.

**Maggie White**, *Corporate and Securities*, Northern California. Maggie represents a wide variety of technology companies and leading venture capital firms in their corporate and governance matters, financing transactions, and a variety of M&A transactions. She focuses on early stage startups across a wide range of industries. Among her recent representations, Maggie advised Embark Trucks in its \$70 million Series C venture financing, NEA in its investment in the Series B financing of Instabase, Deserve in its \$50 million Series C round led by Goldman Sachs and NGINX in its \$670 million acquisition by F5 Networks.

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