

Preeminent Silicon Valley IPO Lawyer Jeffrey Vetter Joins Gunderson Dettmer to Chair Public Offerings/Public Companies Practice

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Gunderson Dettmer announced today that top IPO lawyer Jeffrey Vetter has joined the firm as a partner and will chair its public offerings/public companies practice. Mr. Vetter is one of the most experienced IPO lawyers in the country, having handled nearly 100 IPOs during his career, including offerings for Facebook, Workday, Veeva, Pivotal Software, and Zuora, as well as salesforce.com and eBay. He joins the firm from Fenwick & West, where for a number of years he was co-chair of that firm's Securities and Corporate Finance practice.

"We have worked across the table from Jeff on numerous occasions over the years and we could not be more thrilled to have Jeff as a key member of our team," said Robert V. Gunderson, Jr., Chairman of Gunderson Dettmer. "Without question, Jeff is one of the preeminent practitioners working with late-stage private technology companies in their IPOs and in their lives as public companies. For public companies, he provides ongoing support for their capital markets, corporate governance or compliance needs. We have built the number one firm for venture and growth equity funds and for venture-backed companies, and Jeff's arrival catapults us into being one of the very top firms in the public offering/public company space. With this addition and our investments in our M&A team, we will have unmatched capabilities in advising technology companies throughout their lives from formation to their most strategic transactions."

“The opportunity to join Gunderson Dettmer and be a part of a corporate transactions juggernaut was irresistible,” said Vetter. “IPOs are seen as the ultimate exit strategy for many tech companies, and Gunderson Dettmer has all the right resources for growing and guiding entrepreneurs from start-up through IPO, and beyond.”

As a leading practitioner in the space, Mr. Vetter has received countless accolades, including being named 2015 Capital Markets MVP by *Law360* and 2012 “Attorney of the Year” by *The Recorder*. Mr. Vetter is listed annually in Chambers USA, Legal 500, U.S. News’ Best Lawyers, and Thomson Reuters’ Super Lawyers.

Mr. Vetter received his J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, magna cum laude, where he was a member of the Hastings Law Journal and elected to the Order of the Coif. Mr. Vetter received a B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley, with honors and distinction.

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