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Vanessa is counsel in our Boston office.

Vanessa works with the Corporate Group, representing emerging growth companies and a number of leading venture capital firms. Vanessa specializes in the representation of companies throughout their lifecycles including formation, corporate governance, venture financings and M&A transactions.

Vanessa represents a wide variety of emerging growth companies, including software, medical device, life science, biotechnology, telecommunications, financial services, healthcare information and management, and retail industries, as well as a number of top-tier venture capital funds.

Prior to joining Gunderson Dettmer, Vanessa was Associate Counsel at Telerik, a venture-funded software company specializing in end-to-end software development tools. There, Vanessa was responsible for drafting and negotiating license agreements and commercial transactions, corporate governance and intellectual property matters, and working on Telerik's acquisition by Progress (NASDAQ: PRGS).

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Northeastern University School of Law, J.D.
- Temple University, B.A., Biology, Religion, Spanish

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Massachusetts

Focus Areas

Corporate Governance & Strategy

Strategic Transactions & Licensing

Mergers & Acquisitions

Seed, Venture and Growth Financings

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