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Anna is a partner in our Silicon Valley office.

As the Head of Gunderson Dettmer's Data Privacy Practice, Anna counsels clients on a broad range of U.S. and European data privacy and security issues, including the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), HIPAA, COPPA and complex cross-jurisdictional data privacy matters. Anna represents emerging company clients across industry sectors, from consumer internet, consumer products, ad tech, health tech, consumer genetic, financial technology, and software and SaaS industries, as well as a number of leading venture capital firms. Anna has significant experience guiding clients through GDPR and CCPA compliance, and advising on model contract clauses, privacy policies, data processing agreements, and global privacy compliance strategies. She also advises on data privacy and security issues in venture capital financings, mergers and acquisitions, and IPOs.

Anna is a Fellow of Information Privacy (FIP) as well as a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP), holding the U.S. private-sector certification (CIPP/US), the EU data protection certification (CIPP/E), and the Information Privacy Manager

certification (CIPM), each granted by the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP). The FIP and CIPP designations are the global standard in privacy certification, and demonstrate a strong foundation in U.S. and EU private-sector privacy laws and regulations.

Prior to joining Gunderson Dettmer, Anna was an intellectual property associate in the San Francisco office of Kirkland & Ellis, LLP. Prior to Kirkland & Ellis, she was an associate in the London office of Herbert Smith, LLP (now Herbert Smith Freehills, LLP).

Credentials

EDUCATION

- University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, LL.M.
- Nottingham Law School, Law
- University of Edinburgh, M.A., English Literature and History of Art

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California
- Law Society of England and Wales

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Fellow of Information Privacy
- CIPP/US Certified
- CIPP/E Certified
- CIPM Certified

Focus Areas

Data Privacy
Strategic Transactions & Licensing
Mergers & Acquisitions
Fund Investments in Companies
Seed, Venture and Growth Financings
AI & Machine Learning

WEBINAR

Preparing for New State Privacy Laws: Key Requirements and Compliance Tips

Chair of Data Privacy Anna Westfelt and associates Frida Alim and Cecilia Jeong lead a discussion on the key requirements, consumer rights, penalties for non-compliance, and how to begin preparing for new state privacy laws.

WEBINAR

Gunderson Dettmer and Osborne Clarke hosted a discussion of data privacy and security concerns associated with use of generative AI services. The panel provided an overview of regulatory guidance and evolving legal requirements in the U.S., European Union and the United Kingdom.

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CAPE Analytics Enters Agreement to be Acquired by Moody's Corporation

INSIGHTS

Client Insight: Demystifying the EU AI Act

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Hims & Hers Acquires 503B Outsourcing Facility MedisourceRx

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Forbes Quotes Anna Westfelt in "Getting AI Past The Finish Line, Responsibly And Ethically"

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Gunderson Dettmer Represented Skuad in \$61M Acquisition by Payoneer

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Gunderson Dettmer Client JenaValve Enters Agreement to be Acquired by Edwards Lifesciences

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"How to Get Your Compliance House in Order: Practical Tips" Recording with Anna Westfelt

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Gunderson Dettmer Represented Zendrive in Acquisition of Technology by Intuit

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