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Sean is a partner in our Silicon Valley office.

Sean's corporate and securities law practice focuses on the structuring, formation, organization and operation of venture capital and other private equity funds and their general partner and management company entities. Sean advises clients in the preparation of offering materials, negotiations with investors on fund formation matters, drafting partnership, LLC and other governance agreements, and counseling fund managers on all aspects of day-to-day operations. As fund counsel for a number of top-tier venture capital firms, Sean advises on securities laws and compliance with the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, ERISA, and other aspects of the regulatory framework applicable to formation and governance. In addition, Sean advises clients on investment matters related to tokens, coins, ICOs, cryptocurrencies and other digital assets.

Some of Sean's representative clients have included: Andreessen Horowitz, August Capital, Benchmark, Felicis Ventures, Liquid 2 Ventures, Meritech, Revolution Ventures, Section32, Serena Ventures, SV Angel, True Ventures, Unusual Ventures, Wing Ventures and Yosemite. Sean has been recognized as a leading fund formation

attorney by Chambers USA, Who's Who Legal and Super Lawyers, has been featured in the *Daily Journal* as one of its "Top 100 Lawyers" in California, was named by *Business Today* as one of the "Top 10 US Attorneys Leading the Charge in Venture Capital Formation" and was selected as one of the Lawdragon 500 Leading Dealmakers in America (2024).

In addition, Sean is currently a Lecturer in Law at Stanford Law School, and was previously a Lecturer in Law at the UC Berkeley School of Law (2017 – 2022), where he teaches a course on venture capital fund formation.

Prior to law school, Sean served in a variety of leadership positions as an Armor Officer and Jumpmaster in the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division, and left active duty as a Captain. Sean is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Stanford Law School, J.D.
- U.S. Military Academy at West Point, B.S.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California
- District of Columbia

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Holds FINRA Series 63 and 65 exam licenses
- California registered investment adviser (2010 2022)
- Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy (2014 2022)

Focus Areas

Fund Formation
Fund Operations and Compliance

Related News & Insights

INSIGHTS

Recent Fund Formations Represented by Gunderson Dettmer*

FIRM NEWS

Lawdragon Recognizes 19 Gunderson Dettmer Attorneys in the 2025 500 Leading Dealmakers in America List

FIRM NEWS

Gunderson Dettmer Practice Areas and Partners Recognized by Chambers USA in 2024 Guide

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CLIENT NEWS

Section 32 Announces \$525M Fund 5

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Gunderson Dettmer Represents Yosemite in Fund Formation

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Wing Announces New \$600M Pool of Capital

CLIENT NEWS

Business Insider Recognizes 7 Gunderson Dettmer Clients as Rising Star VCs in LA

CLIENT NEWS

Gunderson Dettmer Attorneys and Practice Areas Recognized by Chambers USA in 2023 Guide

INSIGHTS

Annual Reminders: Securities Filings (Schedule 13G / Form 13F / Schedule 13D Filings, Form 13H Annual Update Filings), Privacy Notices and Policy Updates, Form ADV Updating Amendment Requirements

CLIENT NEWS

Israel-based Cyberstarts Announces \$60M Venture Fund III

FIRM NEWS

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CLIENT NEWS

Andreessen Horowitz Closes \$600M Games Fund One