



## ***David T. Young***

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## Business-oriented problem-solver.

David is a corporate and securities partner in our Silicon Valley office. David served as Gunderson Dettmer's Managing Partner from 2019 through 2023, guiding Gunderson Dettmer through five years of tremendous change in both the global innovation economy and the legal industry.

David brings a practical business sense and a deep understanding of markets to his leadership roles and representation of clients. He has represented technology and life sciences companies at every stage of business growth, including general corporate representation, corporate governance, venture capital financings, public offerings, SEC compliance, and mergers and acquisitions. He has also worked with venture capital funds investing in companies and selling their stakes in companies.

Before helping found Gunderson Dettmer in 1995, David was an attorney in the Palo Alto office of Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison. Prior to practicing law, he was a management consultant with McKinsey & Company in its New York and Sydney offices.

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

- Harvard Law School, J.D.  
*cum laude*
- Wheaton College, B.A., Philosophy  
Highest Honors

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- California

## Focus Areas

Corporate Governance & Strategy

Mergers & Acquisitions

Fund Investments in Companies

Seed, Venture and Growth Financings

Public Companies/Public Offerings

Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) & Direct Listings

Life Sciences

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Managing Partner David Young Interviewed in Law360 Article

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