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Rafa is a trusted advisor with a practical and business-oriented approach.

Rafa is a corporate and securities associate specializing in U.S. and Latin American transactions, playing a key role in the firm's market leader and highly specialized LatAm practice, with a particular focus on Brazil. Rafa advises startups, growth-stage companies, and venture capital investors on a range of corporate matters, including venture financings, mergers and acquisitions, and strategic transactions. Fluent in Portuguese and Spanish, Rafa works seamlessly with clients and counterparties across Latin America, ensuring smooth negotiations and efficient deal execution.

Rafa advises clients across fintech, software, digital assets, and consumer technology, providing clear, business-focused legal guidance that helps companies and investors execute complex transactions efficiently. With a keen understanding of both legal risks and commercial priorities, Rafa ensures that deals are structured to support long-term success.

With hands-on experience in both U.S. and Latin American markets, Rafa helps clients navigate differences in legal frameworks, regulatory landscapes, and market expectations. Rafa's ability to bridge these complexities allows companies and investors to structure transactions with confidence, minimizing risks and unlocking new opportunities.

Before joining Gunderson Dettmer, Rafa spent over seven years as a corporate and international tax consultant at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), working across PwC's Curitiba (Brazil) and New York offices.

Deal Highlights

U.S. Selected Deals

- Advised Phantom, a leading crypto wallet provider, in its \$150M Series C financing led by Sequoia Capital and Paradigm.
- Advised Jones in its \$15M Series B Financing led by NewSpring Capital.
- Advised Two Sigma Ventures as the lead investor in Gameto's \$33M Series B financing round.
- Advised Lithic in its \$60M Series C financing led by Stripe.

LatAm Selected Deals

- Advised Contabilizei in Warburg Pincus' \$125M investment in the Company
- Advised isaac in its \$125 million Series B financing led by General Atlantic.
- Advised isaac, a leading Brazilian edtech company, in its acquisition by Arco.
- Advised Contabilizei in its \$63.2M Series C financing round led by Softbank.
- Advised Warren in its \$55.61M Series C financing led by GIC.
- Advised Seedz in its \$16.5M Series A financing led by Alexia Ventures.
- Advised Idwall in its \$38M Series C financing round led by Endurance.
- Advised Bicycle Capital as the co-leader in its investment in Mottu's \$50M Series C financing round.
- Advised Bicycle Capital as the lead investor in its investment in Cayena's \$55M Series B financing round.
- Advised Lux Capital as the lead investor in its first Brazil-based investment in Magie's \$4M Series Seed financing round
- Advised Alexia Ventures as the lead investors in its investment in Rocket.Chat's \$10M Series A financing round.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law Center, LL.M.
Distinction
Dean's List
- Fundação Getúlio Vargas, M.B.A.
- Faculdade de Direito de Curitiba, LL.B.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York
- Brazil

LANGUAGES

- Portuguese
- Spanish

Focus Areas

Corporate Governance & Strategy
Mergers & Acquisitions
Fund Investments in Companies
Public Companies/Public Offerings
Seed, Venture and Growth Financings
Latin America

Regions

Latin America

Related News & Insights

CLIENT NEWS

Brazilian Carbon Capture Company Mombak Announces \$20M Financing

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Crypto Wallet Phantom Announces \$150M Series C

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Jones Announces \$15M Series B Financing Led by NewSpring Capital

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Crypto Wallet Phantom Announces Acquisition of Blowfish

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Warburg Pincus Becomes Largest Shareholder of Gunderson Dettmer Client Contabilizei

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Bicycle Capital Leads US\$55M Series B of Brazil-based Cayana

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Lux Capital Makes First Brazil-Based Investment by Leading the \$4M Seed Financing of Magie

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Brazil-Based Monkey Exchange Announces R\$67M Series B Financing

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Two Sigma Ventures Leads Gameto \$33M Series B to Support Women's Health

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Brazil-Based Nextron Announces R\$26M Series A

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Prodgeco DE&VC Led the \$7M Series A of Tonchi Security

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Altitude VC Leads \$10M Series A of Brazil-based

Alexis Ventures Led Pocket Chat's \$10M Series A

CLIENT NEWS

Valne Capital Leads Connectly \$7.05M Financing