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Gordon K. Davidson is a partner in the Corporate Group and Chairman of the law firm of [Fenwick & West LLP](#). Mr. Davidson advises high technology companies, including Internet, computer software and electronics companies as well as medical technology companies.

Mr. Davidson's clients range from start-ups to publicly traded companies. Among the companies he has represented through initial public offerings are:

- @Home Corporation
- AdForce, Inc.
- Broadbase Software, Inc.
- Cadence Design Systems, Inc.
- Centaur Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
- Edify Corporation
- Elantec Semiconductor, Inc.
- Electronic Arts, Inc.
- Exodus Communications, Inc.
- Genelabs Technologies, Inc.
- HNC Software, Inc.
- HomeStore.com, Inc.
- Intuit Inc.
- Macromedia, Inc.
- ONI Systems corp.
- Oracle Systems Corporation
- Symantec Corporation
- Transmeta Corporation
- VeriSign, Inc.
- VERITAS Software Corporation

Other clients include [Cisco Systems, Inc.](#), [Sun Microsystems, Inc.](#), [Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers](#) and [Morgan Stanley](#).

His practice also emphasizes mergers and acquisitions of technology companies, including:

- \$17 billion acquisition of Network Solutions Inc. by VeriSign, Inc.
- \$6.5 billion acquisition of GlobalCenter by Exodus Communications, Inc.
- \$7 billion merger of Excite, Inc. and @Home Corporation
- \$2.5 billion acquisition of Seagate Software by VERITAS Software Corporation

- \$1.5 billion attempted acquisition of Intuit, Inc. by **Microsoft Corporation**

He has chaired the Practising Law Institute programs on Private Placements and Mergers & Acquisitions of High Technology Companies.

Mr. Davidson is a member of the state bar of California. He graduated *Phi Beta Kappa* from Stanford University in 1970 with a B.S. in electrical engineering and received an M.S. in computer systems from Stanford in 1971. He graduated from Stanford Law School in 1974 and was a member of the *Order of the Coif*. Prior to and during law school, Mr. Davidson worked as a computer systems engineer at Stanford Research Institute and at Measurex Corporation. Following law school, he was a law clerk for Judge Ben C. Duniway in the United States Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

Mr. Davidson was recognized by the National Law Journal in June 2000 as one of the 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America, by Forbes Magazine in February 2001 as one of the 50 Most Powerful Venture Capital Dealmakers and by Upside Magazine in October 2001 as one of "100 People Who Changed Our World."

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Mr. Davidson represents a wide range of high technology companies, from privately held start-ups to publicly traded companies. Among the companies he has represented through initial public offerings are:

- ECAD, Inc. (Cadence)
- Electronic Arts, Inc.
- HNC Software, Inc.
- Macromedia, Inc.
- Radius Inc.
- The 3DO Company
- Elantec Semiconductor, Inc.
- Genelabs Technologies, Inc.
- Intuit Inc.
- Oracle Systems Corporation
- Symantec Corporation
- Veritas Software Corporation

Other clients include Apple Computer, @Home Corporation, Cisco Systems, Corel, Micro Focus Group, Phoenix Technologies, Sun Microsystems and Taligent. His practice also emphasizes mergers and acquisitions of technology companies, including the mergers of Intuit and Microsoft (terminated), Intuit and ChipSoft, Cadence and Valid Logic Designs, Symantec and Delrina, Symantec and Peter Norton Computing, Macromedia and Altsys, Radius and SuperMac, SunSoft and Interactive Systems, Vitaphore and Union Carbide, and Skyway and Union Pacific. He has chaired the Practising Law Institute program on Mergers and Acquisitions of High

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