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EDUCATION	STANFORD LAW SCHOOL, J.D.	<i>June 2017</i>
	HONORS: Book Prize: Deals I & II	
	ACTIVITIES: Teaching Assistant - Deals I & II, Law 1050 (Startup Law)	
	UCLA, B.A., <i>summa cum laude</i> , Political Science	<i>June 2014</i>
	HONORS: Phi Beta Kappa, Regents Scholar, College Honors, Dean's List	
	ACTIVITIES: Club Ultimate Frisbee, Captain Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, Executive Board	
BAR ADMISSION	CALIFORNIA, License #318552	
PROFESSIONAL	CEDAR GROVE COUNSEL	<i>October 2021 – Present</i>
	<i>Founder</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Providing high-leverage counsel to good people building good organizations.	
	STANFORD LAW SCHOOL	
	<i>Lecturer in Law</i>	<i>September 2023 – Present</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Designing and teaching Startup Law: Sustainability, Stanford Law School's first startup-focused experiential education program.	
	<i>Director, Rock Center for Corporate Governance</i>	<i>April 2022 – August 2023</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Led Rock Center's efforts to offer experiential education to students at the intersection of corporate governance, startups, and ESG (with a special focus on climate & sustainability).Hosted the Stanford Voluntary Carbon Markets Symposium (Fall 2022).	
	FANIMAL, INC.	<i>January 2019 – October 2021</i>
	<i>Co-Founder, Head of Product & Growth</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conceived of brand name & identity.Recruited founding team and key advisors.Designed & launched product from first pixels through v3.Led paid and guerilla growth from \$0 - \$2M GMV.Secured software technology patent with assistance of outside counsel.	
	GUNDERSON DETTMER LLP	<i>October 2017 – January 2019</i>
	<i>Associate</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Represented top-tier VCs (Sequoia, a16z) and dozens of startups (formation through growth).Advised on matters related to formation, financing, hiring, dealmaking, and negotiations.	

UNPROFESSIONAL

Certified yoga instructor. In 2008, became the youngest solo thru-hiker of the 165-mile Tahoe Rim Trail, mostly avoided the bears. In 2011, solo hiked 1,000 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail, mostly avoided the snakes. Lived in a van in New Zealand in 2022 and hiked the Milford, Routeburn, Kepler, and Abel Tasman Tracks—thankfully no bears or snakes. Won a national championship with a co-ed U-19 ultimate frisbee team in 2010. Backpacked the “O” in Patagonia in 2019, surviving an unexpected wind storm with five stalwart lads. In 2022, rode five thousand miles on a Triumph Bonneville from San Francisco to the Olympic Peninsula, then to Montana, then back to San Francisco. Played guitar and sang in a cover band that gigged twice to moderately entertained audiences of perhaps fifty people... If none of this seems interesting or relevant then we might not be a good mutual fit! I will gladly refer you to another excellent attorney.

“REVERSE RESUME”

Failure is a part of life. It does not always correlate with talent or effort. Facing failure honestly and normalizing its role in our growth is a path to wholeness, and, in that spirit, below is a comprehensive “reverse resume” of academic and professional rejections since 2010:

Brown University
Columbia University
Harvard University
Yale University

Yale Law School

Stanford Graduate School of Business

Cooley
Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz
Wilson Sonsini

McKinsey & Company
Boston Consulting Group

CORNERSTONES OF CONSCIOUSNESS

100 Years of Solitude by Gabriel García Márquez
A Clockwork Orange by Anthony Burgess
All the Little Live Things by Wallace Stegner
Anastasia by Vladimir Megré
Another Roadside Attraction by Tom Robbins
Atomic Habits by James Clear
Attached by Amir Levine and Rachel S.F. Heller
Barbarian Days by William Finnegan
Blood Meridian by Cormac McCarthy
Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer
Confederacy of Dunces by John Kennedy Toole
Consider the Lobster by David Foster Wallace
Diet for a Small Planet Frances Moore Lappé
Doing Good Better by William MacAskill
Drawdown by Paul Hawken
Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test by Tom Wolfe
Four Thousand Weeks by Oliver Burkeman
Heart of Yoga by TKV Desikachar
History of Western Philosophy by Bertrand Russell
How to Change Your Mind by Michael Pollan
Infinite Jest by David Foster Wallace
Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison
Iron John by Robert Bly
Letters to a Young Poet by Rainer Maria Rilke
Lonesome Dove by Larry McMurtry
Macbeth by William Shakespeare
Ministry for the Future by Kim Stanley Robinson
On the Shortness of Life by Seneca
On Being with Krista Tippett
Othello by William Shakespeare
Personality Types by Don Riso
Range by David Epstein
Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare
Sapiens by Yuval Noah Harari
Silent Spring by Rachel Carson
The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
The Art of Fielding by Chad Harbach
The Art and Practice of Loving by Frank Andrews
The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein
The Body Keeps the Score by Bessel van der Kolk
The Brothers Karamazov by Fyodor Dostoevsky
The End of Nature by Bill McKibben
The Folding Cliffs by W.S. Merwin
The Lorax by Dr. Seuss
The Monkey Wrench Gang by Edward Abbey
The Noise of Time by Julian Barnes
The Origin of Species by Charles Darwin
The Pacific Crest Trail Hiker's Handbook by Ray Jardine
The Philosophy of Loyalty by Josiah Royce
The Secret History by Donna Tartt
The Ugly Duckling by Hans Christian Andersen
The Wheel of Time by Robert Jordan
When Breathe Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi
Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance by Robert Pirsig
Zero to One by Peter Thiel