

Emerging Companies and Venture Capital

Startup and high-growth technology and life sciences companies, and the venture and strategic investors that invest in them, turn to our global team to advise on a wide range of legal and business matters. With offices in major technology hubs across the United States and around the world, we provide sophisticated counsel to companies at all stages of maturity, from startup to growth stage to public, and to investors from every part of the globe.

Our lawyers offer a full range of services tailored to the formation, growth and success of next-generation technology companies and their investors. We advise companies at every stage, including initial formation and fundraising, equity and debt financings, mergers and acquisitions, development and procurement of intellectual property, product and service licensing and SaaS agreements, reseller, distribution and channel deals, employment and equity compensation arrangements, U.S. and international tax planning and restructurings and reorganizations.

We advise venture capital funds (VC), corporate venture capital (CVC) departments and other strategic investors, and private equity funds in negotiating investments, exits, divestitures and restructurings.

Our combination of legal, business, technology and industry experience enables us to provide clients with comprehensive strategies to meet their goals and position them to maximize value upon exit, whether through acquisition or IPO.

Clients benefit from our strong relationships in the emerging growth company and venture capital communities. Because of our many relationships with investors, we routinely introduce our emerging company clients to VC, CVC, private equity and other investors.

Our group brings the firm's extensive experience in specific

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Recognition

Recognized as a leading firm for Startups and Emerging Companies

CHAMBERS USA 2025

Ranked Band 1: Venture Capital & Emerging Companies, UAE

CHAMBERS GLOBAL 2025

Top Ranked Venture Capital and Emerging Companies

LEGAL 500 US 2025

Ranked Tier 1 M&A: Middle

industries to bear in counseling clients across a range of markets, including life sciences, healthcare technology, cybersecurity, cloud, internet infrastructure, fintech, insurtech, data analytics, autonomous vehicles, artificial intelligence and machine learning, defense and govtech, blockchain, and conventional, clean and alternative energy.

Cases & Deals

December 10, 2025

Natura Resources Acquires Shepherd Power from NOV Inc. (NYSE: NOV)

October 30, 2025

Ripple Labs Inc. Acquires Palisade Financial Group Ltd.

September 1, 2025

King & Spalding Advises Sanabil Investments on SAR 270 million Series B Funding Round for Gathern

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Insights

CLIENT ALERT

November 24, 2025

The use of English Law in international finance transactions

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

September 17, 2025

VC Sandbox: Episode 13: From Startup to Institution: Building Enduring Ventures in Saudi Arabia

ARTICLE

May 26, 2025

Innovating finance: How fintech is reshaping MENA

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Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

December 2, 2025

Dan Kahan to Speak on a Strafford webinar

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

November 17, 2025

Jennifer Morgan to Speak at the Commercial Observer

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July 25, 2025

George Hwang and Elizabeth Allan to Speak at the Russell Innovation Center for Entrepreneurs (RICE) Startup Checkup event

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News

Market

LEGAL 500 2024

Recognized as a leading firm for Corporate/M&A

CHAMBERS USA 2025

Named a "Go-To" law firm for leading technology companies by ALM

AMERICAN LAWYER MEDIA

"The practice has a deep understanding of the needs of an early stage start-up."

CLIENT QUOTE, LEGAL 500 US 2024

"Their depth of experience puts clients at ease in any complex situation."

CLIENT QUOTE, STARTUPS & EMERGING COMPANIES, CHAMBERS USA 2025

"They have an extremely experienced team that has seen just about everything a startup team can, from founding a company to getting it funded, to going public and to M&A."

CLIENT QUOTE, STARTUPS & EMERGING COMPANIES, CHAMBERS USA 2025

"They approach complex matters with a practical, inquisitive and curious mindset. They understand our core values and how to consider these when making decisions."

CLIENT QUOTE,

IN THE NEWS

September 12, 2025

Dan Kahan, Tom Knox, Eric Nyman, Sophia Luckeneder and Alexander Bach Tran counsel Virtru, a Washington, D.C.-based data security company, on its \$50M Series D financing

IN THE NEWS

September 10, 2025

James Stull, Macky O'Sullivan, Saud Aldawsari and Husni Al Far advise Sanabil Investments on the successful closing of its SAR 270 million Series B funding round for Gathern

IN THE NEWS

June 23, 2025

Dan Kahan explains why SPACs are back on the table as a vehicle for smaller crypto firms

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COMPANIES, CHAMBERS
USA 2025
