



2024 WELCOME PACK

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WELCOME TO FINACCELERATE

A warm welcome to FinAccelerate 2024!

We are delighted to have with us such an excellent cohort of innovative FinTech companies at different stages of development with such great potential. Please peruse this Welcome Pack to familiarize yourself with:

- (i) the program agenda;
- (ii) the 2024 FinAccelerate cohort companies;
- (iii) the Jones Day legal team supporting the cohort across multiple practice areas; and
- (iv) the team of world leading influencers involved with the program, some of whom will be speaking at Demo Day on the 24th of October and Interconnection Day on the 25th of October.

We hope you enjoy the program and become an integral part of the FinAccelerate ecosystem.

Sincerely,

Jones Day FinAccelerate Team

ABOUT FINACCELERATE

FinAccelerate is an intense accelerator program empowered by one of the world's leading and largest law firms, Jones Day. The program covers the fundamental areas of law relevant to innovative fintech companies and enables selected fintech businesses to access leading investors, corporations, financial institutions, and potential JV partners to accelerate their business.

Program Structure

The program is run over four key days and followed up with continuous engagement with a strong ecosystem of world-leading advisors, investors, and partners to the program.

Day 1: Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Know-How Sessions

Structured, one-hour know-how sessions for the fintech cohort companies, covering these key areas: capital markets, regulatory law, IP, corporate structure and funding, data and privacy, employment, tech agreements, and risk management.

Location: Jones Day's San Francisco Office
555 California Street, 26th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94104

Day 2: Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Q&A Sessions

A limited number of dedicated time slots for small group Q&A sessions that the fintech cohort can book with relevant lawyers presenting on topics from Day 1. General access with refreshment breaks provided.

Location: Jones Day's San Francisco Office
555 California Street, 26th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94104

Day 3: Thursday, October 24, 2024

Demo Day: Present Your Company

The third day will be a demo day during which the fintech cohorts are given an opportunity to present their companies to an audience of invited institutions, VCs, and investors. Thought leaders are also invited to speak.

Location: Jones Day's Silicon Valley Office
1755 Embarcadero Road
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Day 4: Friday, October 25, 2024

Interconnection Day: Meetings

The final day of the program allows for program participants to meet up in a relaxed atmosphere hosted at Jones Day's office.

Location: Jones Day's Silicon Valley Office
1755 Embarcadero Road
Palo Alto, CA 94303

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Day 1 Program – Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Jones Day's San Francisco Office: 555 California St., 26th floor, San Francisco, CA 94104

9:00 am	Registration: Coffee and Breakfast	
9:50 am	Short Welcome	
10:00 – 11:00 am	Panel 1: Company Investment	Tim Curry, Taylor Stevens, Cameron Reese, and Nick Hoffman
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Panel 2: FinTech Product Development & Regulation	Abradat Kamalpour, Mark Rasmussen, Laura Pruitt, Schuyler Schouten and Nathan Brownback
12:30 – 1:00 pm	Lunch & Networking	
*1:00 – 1:45 pm	Panel 3: Taxation	Lori Hellkamp, Amie Colwell Breslow
1:45 – 2:30 pm	Panel 4: Intellectual Property and Tech Transactions	Joe Melnik, Jennifer Bennett, Carl Kukkonen and Ka-on Li
2:30 – 2:50 pm	Coffee Break	
2:50 – 3:35 pm	Panel 5: Data & Cyber	Jerry Ling, Jeff Rabkin and Kerianne Tobitsch
3:35 – 4:15 pm	Panel 6: Employment & Benefits	Kelsey Israel-Trummel and Dean Bachus
4:15 – 4:30 pm	Break	
4:30 – 5:30 pm	Panel 7: Risk Management, Litigation and Insurance	Nathan Brownback, Richard DeNatale, and John C. Tang
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Drinks & Networking	

* Register interest for Taxation Session

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Day 2 Program – Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Jones Day's San Francisco Office: 555 California St., 26th floor, San Francisco, CA 94104

9:00 – 9:30 am	Registration: Coffee and Breakfast	
9:30 – 10:30 am	Presentation to Investors Training	Steve MacKenzie, Ben Hoxie and Tim Curry
10:30 am Onwards	Cohort can book dedicated FAQ sessions with senior lawyers from the following practice areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Company and Investment• FinTech Product• Financial Regulation• Technology Transactions• Intellectual Property• Data and Cybersecurity• Employment and Benefits• Taxation• Risk Management, Litigation & Insurance	

Light lunch will be available on Day two.

* Advance notice by cohort members as to what team they would like to meet is much appreciated. Please email preferences.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Day 3 Program: Demo Day – Thursday, October 24, 2024

Jones Day's Silicon Valley Office: 1755 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303

8:15 – 9:00 am	Registration: Coffee and Breakfast	
9:00 – 9:10 am	Opening Welcome Remarks: Abradat Kamalpour, Partner, Jones Day; and Steve MacKenzie, Managing Director, Koch Disruptive Technologies	
9:10 – 9:30 am	Fireside Chat: Matthew Le Merle – Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Blockchain ColInvestors and Abradat Kamalpour, Partner, Jones Day	
9:30 – 10:30 am	Panel 1: Venture Capital and Investment Panels	
	Panel A:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matthew Le Merle – Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Blockchain ColInvestors• Hassan Parsa – Candou Ventures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alon Goren – Founding Partner, Draper Goren Ventures• Max Jungreis – Head of Crypto & Digital Assets, Plug & Play Ventures
	
	Panel B:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matthew Le Merle – Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Blockchain ColInvestors• Ben Bergsma – Principal, Munich Re Ventures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steve MacKenzie – Managing Director, Koch Disruptive Technologies• Ben Hoxie – Associate, Vectr FinTech Partners
10:30 – 10:45 am	Coffee Break	
10:45 – 11:45 am	Panel 2: Institutions & Innovation	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adam Holt – Former Head of Wells Fargo Accelerator• Brandon Caruana – CEO Tenet Bank• Elliot Han – Partner, PGP Capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nick Christian – Head of Fintech & Specialty Finance, Silicon Valley Bank• Sandip Wadje – Managing Director, Global Head of Emerging Technology Operational Risks & Intelligence, BNPP
11:45 – 12:35 pm	Cohort Presentations 1*	
12:35 – 1:15 pm	Lunch	

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Day 3 Program: Demo Day – Thursday, October 24, 2024 *continued*

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1:15 – 2:00 pm	Panel 3: Scaling Up FinTech Companies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rebecca Macieira Kaufmann – Public & Private Board Director, CEO Advisor, Author• Emmanuel Vallod – Venture Partner, GSR Ventures• Steve Payne – Architect Partners and Pegasus Tech Ventures• Frank Walczak, CEO, ARETE W3• Erik Min – Senior Director, FTI Consulting
2:00 – 3:20 pm	Cohort Presentations 2*
3:20 – 3:40 pm	Coffee Break
3:40 – 5:00 pm	Cohort Presentations 3*
5:00 – 5:45 pm	Panel 4: Specialized Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abradat Kamalpour – Partner, Jones Day• David Carter – Technologist• Justine Bone, Executive Director, Crypto ISAC• Sanjay Vatsa, Regional Head of North America, Apex Group Ltd.• Jeff Schenk – Partner, Jones Day
5:45 pm	Reception

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Day 4 Program: Interconnection Day – Friday, October 25, 2024

Jones Day's Silicon Valley Office: 1755 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303

9:00 – 10:00 am	Coffee, Breakfast and Free Meeting Time
10:00 – 11:00 am	Plug and Play Presentation
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Google Presentation
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Light Lunch
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Silicon Valley Bank Presentation
1:30 – 2:00 pm	Apex Presentation
2:00 – 2:30 pm	FTI Consulting Presentation
2:30 – 4:00pm	Free Meeting Time

* Please note that meeting rooms will be available during the scheduled presentations for meetings.

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Download The App

The FinAccelerate App provides useful information about the program, updates, biographies, and key program publications. The App is downloadable in Apple Store and Google Play.



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Boosted.ai

Boosted.ai is a finance-specific AI that automates custom research workflows, analyzing data continuously from millions of sources, tailored to the needs of our clients in all areas of investment management, from financial advisory and institutional asset management to individual corporate functions.

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CollateralEdge™

CollateralEdge provides innovative financing solutions designed to give community and regional banks a competitive edge in commercial lending. Our fintech platform instantly prices and delivers hard collateral support, enabling banks to structure loans (term loan and line of credit) that overcome short-term underwriting concerns and policy exceptions. CollateralEdge helps accelerate the transaction closing process while adhering to the bank's credit standards. The result—less time and resources wasted, and more deals closed.

Our Value Proposition

1. **More Loans, More Deposits**—We drive C&I loan growth and sticky deposits for our bank customers.
2. **No Core Integration**—Our cloud-based platform requires no integration and no implementation, saving our bank customers time and money.
3. **Fully Automated Platform**—We automate the entire collateral coverage process and deliver real-time quotes.
4. **Innovative Collateral Coverage**—We provide highly reliable, flexible, and predictable collateral supplied directly to a bank customer to leverage in structuring more-competitive loans.
5. **Total Bank Control**—We keep the bank in the driver's seat with complete control over the collateral coverage and loan and borrower relationship.

Trusted Partner to the Banking Community

CollateralEdge has worked with banks nationwide on expanding their C&I loan portfolios. This work was recognized by the Independent Bankers Association of Texas, which selected CollateralEdge to be the first fintech company to enter its IBATx accelerator program.

Our mission is to deliver innovative financing solutions, enabling community banks to be the lender of choice for growing middle-market companies.

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CRiskCo Inc.

Pymes Capital, a subsidiary of **CRiskCo**, launched in early 2023 and provides MCA funding to Mexican SMBs. By mid-2024, Pymes Capital distributed more than \$1 million in financing, with over 40% of our borrowers being women-led businesses, demonstrating our commitment to fostering diversity and inclusion. We aim to grow our fund to \$100 million by 2029 across Mexico and LATAM. The company leverages CRiskCo's proprietary technology, credit scoring, and extensive database from Mexico, which includes more than seven million businesses and over \$1 billion worth of transactions.

CRiskCo provides cutting-edge SaaS solutions that transform credit risk assessment and financing for SMBs by using AI-driven technology to analyze financial data and deliver real-time credit scores. This enables lenders to make faster, more accurate decisions. What sets us apart is our proprietary technology, which analyzes real-time business data and offers highly accurate credit scores. With a vast database covering more than seven million businesses, we provide unmatched accuracy in predicting creditworthiness, making us a leading source of SMB credit information in Mexico and LATAM. Our clientele includes Fortune 500 companies and credit bureaus like American Express and CIAL Dun & Bradstreet, underscoring the trust top organizations place in our solutions.

Pymes Capital, CRiskCo's subsidiary dedicated to providing performance-based financing to Mexican SMBs, allows them to tap into underserved markets by offering solutions to SMBs, which often struggle to access traditional credit. As evidence of our impact, more than 40% of our borrowers are women-led businesses, highlighting our commitment to empowering diverse entrepreneurs. This synergistic relationship between our technology platform and lending operation enables us not only to provide tools for lenders but also to serve as a financial lifeline for businesses in need, creating impact at both the institutional and grassroots levels.

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EarthAngel Projects

EarthAngel Partners

EarthAngel Partners (EAP) has formed a relationship with Strata Global Ltd (SGL) to source future streams of carbon and biodiversity credits, tokenize them, and make them available for emitters and financial traders on the ADE platform. Unlike existing carbon credit trading schemes, EAP works directly with property owners and remediators to ensure the veracity of future credits, including establishing endowment funds, where needed. We can deal with +20-year streams of credits, making certificates available as they are issued annually. As a principal on the ADE platform, SGL is able to create derivatives that we believe will appeal to market traders. We recognize revenue from listing the assets and from the long-term management of the future credit streams.

Key to our success is the network of relationships that we have created with property owners and remediators in Africa, SE Asia, and Australia, as well as the prominent position that SGL has on the ADE exchange. We intend to replace the lack of transparency that exists today in the voluntary carbon market with the rigorous clarity that comes from listing assets on a publicly traded exchange, one that caters to both emitters who want to retire carbon certificates as well as financial traders who want to make a market in a new class of financial instruments.

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ESHE Pay

ESHE Pay is a financial services ecosystem focused on the financial needs of women. We aim to empower women and provide an alternative to current traditional offerings using Web3 technologies. ESHE will enable a comprehensive circular economy that will empower women economically, socially, and financially. Through a combination of financial services, education, community membership, and marketplace integration, women can access opportunities for financial, business, and personal growth; community collaboration; and economic independence and interdependence within a supportive and inclusive community.



FraudShield

Phishing is a growing problem worldwide, leading to innocent people losing money and compromising data being traded on the dark web, where there are countless compromised “digital and social footprints” of an organization and its associated employees across various layers of the internet.

Who Are We?

FraudShield's team consists of recognized experts in Europe who have combined their nearly two decades of experience in bank security and secret services to create a unique anti-phishing software. In the spirit of social responsibility, our mission is to increase the security of global cyberspace by supporting technical tools and awareness training aimed at reducing the security risks posed by the human factor. Our goal is to offer organizations and individuals unique solutions that minimize the risk of data loss and economic damage resulting from phishing.

Our Solution

FraudShield provides a comprehensive cybersecurity solution against phishing for corporates and their users through the use of technology to discredit the “black market” trade of compromised user accounts. Our solution is a proprietary intelligence-based algorithm that can detect fraud patterns. It can also collect billions of compromised data on companies and individuals from the deep and dark web. This way, we can help filter out phishing and return stolen data to reveal unknown vulnerabilities. We can predict the likelihood of cyberattacks through the collected information and the communications of hacker groups. Our method can significantly reduce the chances of phishing and buying leaked data on the black market, thus ensuring a safer digital future.



Graphio

Dmitry, the CEO and co-founder of Graphio.ai and upSWOT (currently in the acquisition process), has a strong track record in leveraging API-enabled data for business growth. Having built upSWOT to serve numerous banks and financial institutions, Dmitry shifted his focus to developing AI agents that evaluate every employee within a company. This advanced scoring system is using AI agents designed to identify future leaders, assess flight risks, measure engagement, and highlight change agents using the same API-enabled approach.

Graphio's technology is now actively utilized by more than 15 product companies and several private equity firms, helping in building more efficient teams, aiding in both due diligence and post-acquisition processes. Dmitry's extensive experience working with major banks and financial institutions across Europe and the United States has provided him with deep insights into how alternative data can address various challenges.

Graphio created AI agents designed to score employees, assess their potential, identify future stars and flight risk, and make communication more personalized and engaging. It allows simulation of various people management scenarios to reveal outcomes before decision implementation—everything based on events data without touching any content, “body,” or privacy-related data.

A firm believer that a company's success hinges on its people, Dmitry is passionate about creating an environment where teams are inspired, happy, and set up for success.

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GreenEarthX Inc.

Green hydrogen and derivative power-to-X fuels are now widely acknowledged to be a critical source of energy to lead the decarbonization journey. However, there are significant challenges to justifying the higher production costs and, therefore, the business viability of upcoming projects to manufacture green hydrogen-based low-carbon fuels. These projects are not attracting offtake agreements (e.g., due to uncertain and higher costs) and thus not getting project funding.

At GreenEarthX (GEX), we believe that creating an index-linked trading marketplace for green fuel will catalyze an open digital commerce corridor to streamline the supply demand logistics and accelerate the deployment of capital for green hydrogen and derivatives.

We are a group of experienced financial and commodity professionals who have come together to create the first intercontinental green hydrogen exchange and marketplace. We bring our expertise in understanding the new energy trading ecosystem participants and creating a global trading platform to match demand and supply of molecules and arbitrage against future changes in prices. GEX is orchestrating the establishment of the first network of globally distributed marketplaces (trading exchanges) that will facilitate the listing and trading of LCF molecules and enable green credits that are mass-balanced with actual produced molecules. This exchange framework will allow for ancillary service providers, including certification, insurance, transportation, storage, equipment, and reporting, to join the platform and create a vibrant ecosystem to fast-track the deployment of hydrogen-based LCF energy. All the actions undertaken by GEX are based on intentionality and determination to promote the production of green hydrogen and related green products. We are committed to an open, transparent, and honest market.

Our Mission

GEX is dedicated to unifying a fragmented global demand and supply for low-carbon green fuels like hydrogen, ammonia, methanol, SAF, and biofuels. GEX will facilitate index-linked contracts for green fuels from project conception to fuel consumption, on a transparent and tokenized marketplace platform.

Our Vision

GEX aspires to reduce carbon emissions that impact climate change by speeding up the transition from hydrocarbons-based fuels to a hydrogen-based fuel economy, benefiting both people and planet.

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Indicio

Indicio is leading the transformation of digital identity, authentication, and integration with its market-leading decentralized identity and verifiable credential solution, Indicio Proven®. Global enterprises and governments are using Indicio's award-winning technology to create dynamic digital trust networks that streamline complex operations, remove long-standing privacy and security risks, allow for new kinds of personalized interaction, and enable data to be shared and verified seamlessly.

Decentralized identity represents the next generation in identity authentication and data sharing, one that solves many of the problems around identity and access management, identity fraud, and data privacy. In banking and finance, Indicio's customers are using verifiable credentials for seamless account access, simplified loan processing, reusable Know Your Customer (KYC), and digital asset management. Our ground-breaking biometrics management removes the risk of data breaches and prevents threats from generative AI. By combining decentralized identities with verifiable credentials and biometric templates, you can directly authenticate who you are interacting with, issue and share data in a decentralized way, and be certain that the data shared has not been tampered.

In line with this innovation, Indicio is the first and only company in the decentralized identity space to offer a complete end-to-end solution in the AWS and Google Marketplaces. Indicio Proven is designed to provide the widest possible range of options for implementing decentralized identity solutions, and includes a customizable digital wallet and mobile SDK. All Indicio technology is built upon open protocols and standards so that customers can interoperate with other decentralized identity ecosystems, including the European Union's emerging digital identity and wallet specifications.

Indicio has won KuppingerCole EIC and Constellation Research SuperNova awards for its work developing verifiable credentials for the travel and hospitality industry. Indicio was the first to successfully turn a passport into a digital travel credential (DTC) following standards set by the International Civil Aviation Organization. Through Indicio's global partnership with SITA, the DTC—a "government-grade" digital identity—is being implemented by airlines, airports, and border control agencies for seamless border crossing and travel.

Indicio also runs a global blockchain-based network for identity—the Indicio Network—which is specifically designed for enterprise-grade solution hosting. Indicio also created the first certified training program in decentralized identity technology through the Indicio Academy.

With its global partnerships, sector-spanning solutions, contributions to digital public infrastructure, and relentless innovation, Indicio is driving a new era in digital transformation, one that delivers seamless digital experiences built on cryptographic verification and portable trust.



Kolio by Immutable Insight

Investment products today are scammy, opaque, and not aligned with the values of most people. The trust in banks is low, and people don't know where to get advice they can trust. We want to change that; it is our mission to empower audiences to “build your wealth with your passions,” and people discover their passions via the creator key opinion leaders (KOLs) they follow and trust today. KOLs have expertise around values and interests and have built an audience that trusts them for their advice.

We as a regulated asset manager want to enable the KOL to leverage both their knowledge and their reach to create their own “kolio” (personalized ETF). People will invest in their favorite KOL's kolio, and vetted influencers can promote them to further grow distribution. People will also diversify across multiple kolios they discover on the platform, further growing the KOL's assets under management.

The KOLs receive, either for themselves personally or for their foundation, a part of the ongoing asset management fees as a recurring cash flow or as leverage toward their foundation's goals. It will also make it easier for them to rely less on sponsored posts or product partnerships.



LIGO.NETWORK

The first high-performance AI blockchain on Bitcoin Layer 2 is developed using LUA, Python, C++, and Mojo. This is in joint collaboration with the Mojo developer community, founded by TensorFlow and Swift creator Chris Lattner, who admires Ligo's innovative approach.

Dedicated to creating a unified R&D ecosystem for the AI and Web3 developer community, we are rapidly developing next-gen DeFi, Gamefi, and AI-DApps for mass industry adoption. The Ligo tech team collaborates with Asia top R&D labs like NUS Blockchain Lab and A*STAR Singapore, with a mission to provide Zero-Code IDE for Zero-Generation young developers, built for a billion users.

Ligo mainnet is up and running, backed by Ligo global community with 100K crypto players.

Investors and strategic partners include Waterdrip Capital, ZC Capital, SatoshiLab, NUS SBIP, DWF Labs, and 280 Labs.

Targeted listing for \$iGO is Q4/2024.

Industry applications that could be deployed into the Ligo ecosystem include DeFi, Gamefi, sociafi, RWA, DePIN, digital bank, AI security, and AI+Web3 integration.

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LuxePay

LuxePay offers tailored “Buy Now, Pay Later” financing solutions for the aesthetics and wellness industry, enabling clients to access premium beauty treatments while providers receive full upfront payment.

With a focus on minimally invasive treatments—such as neurotoxins, dermal fillers, and semaglutides—LuxePay caters to procedures that are temporary, require regular maintenance, and often come with significant costs. Traditionally, clients face the burden of large upfront payments or turn to high-interest credit cards to cover these expenses.

LuxePay bridges the gap between increasing demand and accessibility, offering financial freedom in the growing aesthetics and wellness space. By empowering clients to pay over time, LuxePay helps providers enhance revenue while ensuring clients can manage their wellness investments with ease. The repeat nature of many aesthetic treatments makes LuxePay a valuable long-term solution for both providers and clients.

As the demand for wellness and aesthetic procedures continues to rise, LuxePay is positioned to meet this growing need—because everyone deserves to invest in themselves without financial barriers. LuxePay: live luxuriously.

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LZero Analytics

LZero is an enterprise-grade devops tool for blockchain developers. Every application needs a testing environment. But for blockchain developers, creating these test environments, or using the public ones, is really painstaking. Our research-based simulation engine creates fully customizable cloud-based, private test networks of any blockchain, on-demand. This reduces the devops overhead by 90%, protects IP, and reduces time to market significantly. We aim to be the go-to tool for everyone who wants to interact with public blockchains securely and efficiently.

Problem: For blockchain developers, creating private test environments, or using public ones is painstaking.

- Lack of privacy and IP protection because of their public nature
- Absence of realistic data, necessary applications, and tools
- Regulated entities are forced to deploy their own environments
- No separation between development, feature, and staging environments
- No persistent environments (application and user data is lost upon shutdown)
- Expensive maintenance overhead

Solution: LZero creates fully customizable, private test networks of any blockchain, in a few clicks.

- Cloud-based, fully configurable node and network parameters
- Private environments with realistic data and txn history that can be securely shared for collaboration
- Seamless integration with existing CI/CD workflows
- Web2 battle-tested development processes for Web3

Traction: We have 40 active users, including devs from the Ethereum Foundation and Halborn.

- Paid engagement with Arbitrum in collaboration with Ethereum Foundation
- Paid projects to support Coreum, Cosmos Hub, SSV.network, and Camino Network on our tool
- Selected for Techstars London Winter 2024 and Google Web3 Startup Program

\$15 billion market opportunity.

- On-chain dApps are exploding; strong signals from Blackrock, JP Morgan choosing public chains.
- Our core simulation engine can also do rollups, appchains, and complete staging infrastructure.
- LZero will evolve into a full-suite blockchain infrastructure company. Similar to Firebase for Mobile.

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Nomyx

Nomyx is revolutionizing the \$25 trillion mid-market alternative asset management segment by providing the first truly comprehensive, asset-agnostic tokenization platform that seamlessly bridges traditional finance with blockchain technology. Our solution combines a powerful tokenization engine with innovative on-chain identity management, enabling financial institutions to tokenize any real-world asset while maintaining full regulatory compliance.

Nomyx is addressing two critical problems in the rapidly evolving landscape of asset tokenization:

1. **Manual Identity Management:** Currently, managing investor data across asset classes and managers is a manual, complex process. This manual approach is inefficient, error-prone, and struggles to keep pace with the dynamic nature of global finance.
2. **Rigid Change Management:** Existing solutions make it difficult and costly to modify asset tokens or investor identities. This inflexibility poses significant challenges in adapting to new compliance regulations, updating investor entitlements, or implementing financial controls like liens or freezes on tokens.

Key Differentiators

- **On-chain identity management system** providing unprecedented token-level compliance management
- **Asset-agnostic tokenization**, supporting various asset classes with an initial focus on trade financing, yield bearing instruments, and carbon credits
- **Compliance-focused approach**, leveraging upgradeable smart contracts for compliance now and in the future
- **AI-driven deployment**, allowing non-technical managers to configure tokenization and issue compliant tokens in a few clicks

Key Highlights

- Selected as a [top six startup by Money20/20 for disrupting fintech](#)
- Establishing partnerships with industry leaders like Circle, Fireblocks, and Mastercard
- Projected tokenized volume of assets with current clients > \$500 million in 2025



Patlytics

Patlytics is a state-of-the-art patent intelligence platform powered by a generative AI engine backed by top Silicon Valley venture capital firms. We drive massive efficiency gains in IP discovery and analysis processes. Our high-quality results are trusted by top global IP enterprises and tier-one law firms.



SLVR

For buyers and sellers of rare coins who want to avoid high sales commissions and unnecessary sales taxes levied by eBay, SLVR offers a trusted platform for collectors and dealers to exchange their assets using a silver bullion-backed token called SLVR. Each SLVR token is backed by one gram of silver held in secure custody. Buyers and sellers on the platform use SLVR to barter rare coins, with net settlement occurring in SLVR. Many rare coin collectors and dealers also trade bullion, making SLVR an attractive token in its own right.

SLVR fiat exchange is priced very competitively, and this is the primary source of revenue for the business.

The savings in commissions and sales taxes is very attractive to active collectors and dealers. In speaking with a number of dealers, the high commission rates are one of several reasons that many dealers sell locally and limit the number of coins they sell online.

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Strategic Global Advisors, LLC

Strategic Global Advisors, LLC (SGA), founded in 2005, is a majority woman- and employee-owned registered investment advisor based in Newport Beach, California. SGA manages international, global, and domestic equity strategies, primarily for institutional investors.

SGA can best be described as “Fundamentally Inspired, Quantitatively Driven.” This philosophy integrates the breadth, systematic and unbiased discipline, scope, and repeatability of a quantitative engine with the insight, experience, and judgment of a fundamental analyst team. This integration and the feedback loop between these two disciplines has been integral to SGA since its inception, and we believe it distinguishes SGA from our peers.

SGA's senior portfolio management team provides experienced human oversight, examining every trading decision prior to execution. Further distinguishing our process is the fact that all of our models and key investment technology have been built in-house, making our systems proprietary and unique.



Sustainable Bitcoin Protocol

Sustainable Bitcoin Protocol (SBP) transforms the environmental impact of bitcoin mining into a powerful force for climate action. By incentivizing bitcoin miners to use verified renewable energy or mitigate waste methane emissions, SBP is pioneering a new investment category—sustainable bitcoin finance. Investors now have the opportunity to gain exposure to bitcoin, the best-performing asset of the past decade, while driving the clean energy transition.

SBP empowers the world's largest asset allocators—pension funds, sovereign wealth funds, and university endowments—to align their bitcoin investments with their climate mandates, turning bitcoin mining into a catalyst for positive climate impact.



Tadaima

With housing, consumers are forced to choose between their three core needs of flexibility, autonomy, and sound financials. But the market today has failed to address these three core needs together and leaves everyone guessing as to what's the best option for them. They can choose between their flexibility, their autonomy, or sound financials, but at the end of the day, they always lose. Each one is a core need and will eventually express itself. So unless we as a society can address all three together, consumers will continue to be unsatisfied with their decisions.

We need a solution to such a systemic issue, and Tadaima brings one to the table. The concept we hope to bring mainstream and provide a service for is sequential co-ownership. Through sequential co-ownership, owners of a property end up cooperating in owning a home together. They do so with a fractional ownership system managed via an LLC as the ledger of ownership among them, while making a framework to relay the liabilities and responsibilities seamlessly, as each owner comes and goes from the property. By cooperating with the sequential owners before and after them to own a home, they each on their own timeline can live somewhere for two to three years, own a home, and have it be cost-viable.

Through sharing the responsibility, Tadaima and the co-owners work together on each of the facets of such an operation to make it successful and fair among them. And by doing this, the numbers work out such that co-owning with Tadaima outperforms renting or owning when compared dollar to dollar.

Tadaima will build and chart the course for a more desirable and scalable housing service for the everyday person. One that eventually becomes a new status quo for how people live, but also one that makes living all the better, simpler, and more financially sound for everyone.

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TaxBotGPT

TaxbotGPT.ai

TaxbotGPT.ai is an innovative AI-powered platform designed to assist users with income tax and GST matters with auto reply to income tax and GST notices. It leverages advanced large language models (LLMs) to provide real-time updates on tax laws, offer efficient tax-planning solutions, and enable enhanced legal research. The platform is tailored for tax professionals, including chartered accountants, company secretaries, ICWAs, tax lawyers, and students in the taxation field. Additionally, it caters to MSMEs, corporate firms, and businesses with significant turnovers, offering customizable and scalable solutions to meet diverse needs.

Vision

The mission of TaxbotGPT.ai is to revolutionize the way tax professionals, businesses, and students navigate complex income tax and GST systems. By harnessing cutting-edge AI and LLM technology, the platform aims to provide real-time, accurate, and actionable insights on tax laws, enabling users to make informed decisions. It seeks to streamline auto reply to notices, enhance legal research, and simplify compliance, empowering professionals and organizations to stay ahead in a rapidly evolving regulatory environment. TaxbotGPT.ai is committed to delivering customizable, efficient, and innovative solutions that transform the future of tax management and education.

Market

India's booming economy, recognized as the world's fastest-growing, stands tall amid global challenges. Projected to become the third-largest by 2027, its path to a \$26 trillion future hinges on generative AI. This transformative technology, with its ability to boost productivity and efficiency, holds the key to accelerating India's growth and achieving its ambitious goals. To unlock this potential, increased investment in AI research, education, and upskilling is crucial, ensuring inclusivity and propelling India towards a prosperous and equitable future.

Testudo

Testudo

Testudo is building a new category of insurance products to transfer institutional AI risks. Our mission is to underwrite algorithmic decisions in software, services, and robotics to enable the adoption and regulatory compliance of emerging technology.

Partnering with AI companies, enterprises, insurance carriers, reinsurers, and brokers—and connecting Lloyd's of London specialist insurance capacity to the Bay Area—Testudo is creating innovative solutions to enable the safe adoption of AI. Testudo is uniquely positioned to build a category-defining company in a new market that the team is defining. As AI technology permeates across every company in every industry vertical, the risks will scale accordingly, creating an unlimited potential market opportunity.



WEB3FIREWALL

Web3Firewall

Web3Firewall is an advanced, AI-driven solution designed to address risk management and compliance challenges within the Web3 ecosystem. Focused on providing enterprise-level services, Web3Firewall offers a range of tools that help organizations navigate the complex and rapidly evolving decentralized landscape. The platform specializes in proactive threat detection, regulatory compliance, and intelligent sanctioning, helping businesses manage risks associated with decentralized finance (DeFi), non-fungible tokens (NFTs), and blockchain-based applications.

Key Features

- **AI-Driven Risk Management:** Web3Firewall uses artificial intelligence to identify, assess, and mitigate risks in real time. The system continuously monitors blockchain activity to detect vulnerabilities and suspicious transactions before they escalate.
- **Institutional Focus:** Tailored specifically for enterprises, Web3Firewall is designed to meet the needs of large-scale organizations looking for scalable, secure, and reliable risk management solutions in the decentralized world.
- **Compliance Solutions:** Web3Firewall offers tools to ensure adherence to local and international regulations such as AML (Anti-Money Laundering), KYC (Know Your Customer), and GDPR compliance. It automates compliance checks and generates reports for audit purposes.
- **Intelligent Sanctioning:** The platform integrates AI-based sanctioning systems, automatically flagging and blocking transactions that involve blacklisted entities or regions.
- **Localized Compliance:** Web3Firewall adapts to the regulatory frameworks of various regions, ensuring that businesses remain compliant with differing legal requirements across jurisdictions.

Recent Milestones

Web3Firewall recently achieved ISO 9001:2015 certification, marking its commitment to quality management and operational excellence. This certification solidifies its credibility and reliability, especially in the institutional sector, where compliance and quality assurance are paramount.



Xendible

Xendible is a cutting-edge financial technology platform offering dual banking and payment solutions that combine traditional banking with the innovation of blockchain technology. Our platform simplifies cross-border remittances, payment processing, and digital asset management, providing businesses and individuals the flexibility to bank and pay on their own terms. By leveraging a seamless integration of fiat and digital currencies, Xendible empowers users to manage their finances efficiently and securely.

Catering to a diverse global audience, including startups, underbanked communities, and businesses in regions like Europe, Africa, and Asia-Pacific, Xendible addresses the unique financial needs of emerging markets and global businesses. Our comprehensive suite of financial tools—such as invoicing, accounting, payment gateways, and payroll management—ensures operational efficiency and business growth.

At Xendible, we are committed to fostering financial inclusion and making global finance accessible to all, positioning ourselves as a leader in the rapidly expanding fintech space.



Xenios Blockchain Group

Xenios Blockchain Group (XBG) is a leading blockchain powerhouse in Southeast Europe.

XBG operates two proprietary blockchains with minimal carbon footprint, and focuses its three business lines:

- Fintech
- Energy and shipping
- Public sector/defense

Fintech

XBG has been acting as a trusted advisor to the Hellenic Capital Markets Committee, advising on blockchain and digital assets (cryptocurrencies and digital securities).

It has been orchestrating the first issuance of a digital bond in Greece under the German law eWpG. It has achieved an exclusive partnership with a BaFin-regulated crypto-registrar and has the capabilities to issue crypto-securities directly or out of special purpose vehicles established in Luxembourg. For the orchestration of such issuances and the smooth execution of such products, XBG has developed a proprietary workflow securitization tool that is currently under beta-testing.

XBG is applying for VASP/CASP and DLT TSS licenses, to operate a fully regulated digital assets custody and exchange business in Europe.

Energy and Shipping

XBG has heavily invested in R&D, resulting in blockchain ESG tools like a carbon footprint calculator, ESG reporting tool, and tokenized carbon credit issuance and trading platform. We already have a large Greek shipping company utilizing our proprietary products, and we will continue penetrating the shipping and energy sector due to the connections and access we have at the highest possible level, due to our BoD's network.

Public Sector/Defense

XBG has developed proprietary tools that leverage blockchain technology and allow for confidential and fully secure exchange of sensitive information across counterparties. XBG would keep developing such technology with key clients as part of its R&D unit and would leverage components to its other two core businesses.



Zoniq

Zoniq (“Zoh-nicks”) is a global fintech leader headquartered in Silicon Valley, specializing in converting real-world assets (RWA) into security tokens. Zoniq provides an interoperable, compliant infrastructure that streamlines the RWA tokenization process, enabling global liquidity and DeFi integration. Zoniq is both asset-agnostic and blockchain-agnostic, allowing it to support a wide range of asset types and operate seamlessly across public, private, and hybrid blockchain networks. With an end-to-end ecosystem of SDKs and APIs, Zoniq facilitates the deployment of tokenized assets while ensuring compliance and security.

Tokenized Asset Lifecycle Management

At the core of Zoniq’s offering is its patent-pending Tokenized Asset Lifecycle Management (TALM) solution. TALM provides a comprehensive solution for managing the entire lifecycle of tokenized assets—from issuance to secondary trading. This framework enables institutions to seamlessly transition from traditional asset management to blockchain-based systems, ensuring full compliance with global regulations. TALM supports asset classes ranging from real estate and funds to alternative assets and supply chain invoices, providing a robust infrastructure for tokenization across diverse industries.

Dynamic Compliant Interoperable Security Token Protocol

Zoniq’s unique DyCIST (Dynamic Compliant Interoperable Security Token) protocol is engineered to offer dynamic compliance, security, and scalability for tokenized assets. Built on the ERC-7518 standard and supporting major blockchain platforms like Ethereum, Ripple, and Hedera, DyCIST ensures interoperability between various blockchain networks. This protocol integrates advanced AML and KYC features, off-chain verification processes, and innovative token recovery mechanisms, safeguarding assets against theft and fraud. DyCIST’s dynamic compliance model allows organizations to adhere to jurisdictional regulations without compromising efficiency, making it a pivotal tool for financial institutions and asset managers.

What Makes Zoniq Stand Out

Key points that differentiate Zoniq in the blockchain industry:

- **Interoperability:** Supports multiple asset types and operates across various blockchain platforms, providing unmatched flexibility.
- **Scalability:** Its fully automated deployment process enables seamless tokenization for institutions of all sizes, ensuring fast and secure asset management.
- **Security:** With advanced token recovery mechanisms, off-chain verification, and strong compliance protocols, Zoniq offers enhanced protection against fraud and theft.
- **Compliance:** DyCIST ensures adherence to global regulatory standards, making Zoniq a trusted partner for financial institutions and asset managers worldwide.
- **Proven Leadership:** Zoniq has already tokenized more than billions in assets globally, demonstrating its capability and leadership in the RWA tokenization market.

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 <p>FraudShield</p>	 <p>Graphio</p>	 <p>GreenEarthX Inc.</p>	 <p>Indicio</p>	 <p>Kolio by Immutable Insight</p>
 <p>LIGO.NETWORK</p>	 <p>LuxePay LLC</p>	 <p>LZero Analytics</p>	 <p>Nomyx</p>	 <p>Patlytics</p>
 <p>SLVR</p>	 <p>Strategic Global Advisors</p>	 <p>Sustainable Bitcoin Protocol (SBP)</p>	 <p>Tadaima</p>	 <p>TaxbotGPT</p>
 <p>Testudo</p>	 <p>Web3Firewall</p>	 <p>Xendible</p>	 <p>Xenios Blockchain Group</p>	 <p>Zoniq</p>



Chris Larsen

Chris Larsen is executive chairman, co-founder, and former CEO of Ripple, an enterprise blockchain company with more than 450 employees based in San Francisco, with eight additional offices (New York, London, Mumbai, Singapore, Washington D.C., São Paulo, Reykjavik, and Dubai).

Ripple is building next-generation cross-border payment technology using blockchain and digital assets to provide instant, extremely low-cost, reliable cross-border payments.



Professor David W. Mills

Professor David Mills has a distinguished career in law and investments. He is a professor of practice of law at Stanford Law School. He is the founder and the first director of the Stanford Law School clinical program, which provides legal services to people who cannot afford traditional representation. Professor Mills is also the co-chair of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, America's premiere legal organization fighting for racial justice. It is a leadership position he has held for more than 10 years. Professor Mills has had a lifelong dedication to social justice issues. Three years ago, he received the Thurgood Marshall Lifetime Achievement Award. Professor Mills has also had a lengthy legal career representing a range of well-known white-collar crime defendants as well as driving the strategy for a number of well-known investment firms in various civil and regulatory matters. In addition, he has had a successful career in the business and investment realm. He is currently a partner at Fortress Investment Group and advisor to its chairman and a partner at Divco West (a real estate investment and development firm) and other high-profile investment-related organizations.

Professor Mills graduated Rutgers Law School in 1973 magna cum laude. Following law school, he joined the law firm of Lowenstein, Sandler, where he eventually became a senior tax partner. He was also adjunct professor of law at Rutgers University, chairman of the Partnership Tax Section of the American Bar Association, and chairman of the Tax Section of the New Jersey Bar Association. In 1986, Professor Mills moved to Los Angeles to work at Cambrent Financial Group, in association with the firm of Victor, Sandler, and Cogut. In 1988, he founded Mills & Lynn Enterprises for the purpose of undertaking personal financial transactions. He still holds that position, but the name has changed to Mills Family Enterprises. In 1991, he became the chief executive and sole shareholder of Harbourton General Corporation, the general partner of Harbourton Holdings, LP. He resigned from Harbourton in 2016.

Prior to law school, Professor Mills went to Rutgers University, where he graduated in 1969. Following graduation from the university, Professor Mills undertook Rabbinical Studies, first at the Jewish Theological Seminary and then at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Jerusalem. He resides in the San Francisco Bay area.



Siavash Alamouti

Siavash Alamouti is the executive chairman of the board at mimik. He was the EVP of R&D at Wells Fargo from March 2020 until December 2021. Prior to that, he was the president & CEO of mimik from January 2014 until January 2020. Prior to mimik he was the group R&D director for Vodafone in London, UK where he managed R&D, corporate venture, and IPR for the entire group. Before Vodafone, he was an Intel Fellow and CTO of The Mobile Wireless Group in Santa Clara, California. Prior to Intel he was the CTO at the start-up company Vivato (the first smart antenna Wi-Fi company) and before Vivato, he worked in various capacities at Cadence Design Systems, AT&T Wireless, and MPR Teltech.

He has been awarded the prestigious 2022 Marconi Prize in recognition of his contribution to global wireless device accessibility. The outspoken innovator, who is most well-known as the inventor of the Alamouti Code, adopted in almost all wireless standards globally and included in billions of wireless devices. He has dedicated his career to developing and promoting technologies that enhance people's lives. He has received more than 20,000 citations for his scientific work and has received multiple industry awards. Siavash's 1998 paper in the IEEE JSAC Publication was selected by the IEEE Communication Society for publication in "The Best of the Best: Fifty Years of Communications and Networking Research."

Siavash has been the leading champion for groundbreaking and highly impactful technologies such as Hybrid Edge Cloud, OFDM / MIMO, 4G, 5G cellular communications, WiFi, and WiGig. He has contributed extensively to global telecommunication and internet standards, and has participated in lobbying for spectrum reform globally. Since 2014, he has been focused on edge cloud computing, cloud decentralization, and open internet. Siavash has a reputation for passionately pushing the industry to new limits of the technology for the benefit of mankind.

Siavash received B.A.Sc. and the M.A.Sc. degrees in electrical engineering from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, in 1989 and 1991, respectively.



Alison Davis

Alison Davis is chairman and managing partner of Blockchain Coinvestors, the leading blockchain venture fund of funds with investments in 400+ blockchain companies and projects and approximately 50% of all blockchain unicorns. She is an experienced corporate executive, public company board director, active investor in growth companies, and bestselling author on the topics of technology and innovation. She is currently serving as a managing partner of Blockchain Coinvestors Acquisition Corp. 1 (SPAC).

Alison is currently a non-executive director of Silicon Valley Bank, Fiserv, Janus Henderson Group, Colibra, and Pacaso. She is the chairman of the Advisory Board for Blockchain Capital and an advisor to Bitwise.

She is a former director of RBS, City National Bank, Diamond Foods, First Data Corporation, Ooma, Unisys, Xoom, and many private companies and was the chairman of LECG until its sale in 2011. Alison is a frequent speaker on corporate governance.

Alison was previously the managing partner of Belvedere Capital, a regulated bank holding company and private equity firm focused on investing in U.S. banks and financial services firms, where she worked closely with the Federal Reserve, the OCC, the FDIC, and various state banking regulators. Prior to this, Alison was the chief financial officer of Barclays Global Investors (now BlackRock), the world's largest institutional investment firm, with more than \$1.5 trillion of assets under management. Earlier in her career, Alison spent 14 years as a strategy consultant and advisor to Fortune 500 CEOs, boards, and executive teams with McKinsey & Company, and as a practice leader with A.T. Kearney, where she built and led the global Financial Services Practice. She is a bestselling author (*The Intelligent Investor: Silicon Valley*, *Blockchain Competitive Advantage*, *Corporate Innovation in the Fifth Era*, and *Build your Fortune in the Fifth Era*).

Alison is active in the community, supporting nonprofits and social enterprises as a board director, fundraiser, and volunteer. She has been frequently named a "Most Influential Women in Business" by the San Francisco Business Times. She received a B.A. Honors and a master's degree in economics from Cambridge University in England, and an M.B.A. from the Stanford Graduate School of Business after completing the first year at Harvard. She was born in Sheffield, England, is now a dual U.S./UK citizen, and has lived for the last 25 years in the San Francisco Bay area, where she raised her family with her husband, Matthew C. Le Merle.



Matthew C. Le Merle

Matthew Le Merle is co-founder and managing partner of Fifth Era and of Keiretsu Capital, the most active early-stage venture investors backing almost 200 companies a year. Matthew is a manager of Blockchain Coinvestors, the world's leading blockchain venture fund of funds. He is also chairman of CAH and Securitize (Europe), vice chairman of sFOX, and an advisor at Warburg Pincus.

Blockchain Coinvestors has a strategy of being an investor in the leading blockchain venture firms including 1Confirmation, 1kx, Blockchain.com Ventures, Blockchain Capital, Castle Island, Digital Currency Group, Fabric, Future\Perfect, IDEO, and Pantera. Matthew is an advisor and/or investor at a number of blockchain projects, including BitBull, Bitwise, Codex, Hadron, Liquineq, and Spark.

Matthew's career has spanned being a global strategy advisor, professional services firm leader, corporate operating executive, private equity and venture capital investor, and board director. He spent 21 years as a strategy, operations, and corporate finance advisor with McKinsey & Company, and as a practice leader with A.T. Kearney and Monitor Group, where he led both firms' West Coast practices, and at Booz & Company. He was also a corporate executive at Gap Inc., where he was SVP strategy and corporate development and SVP global marketing.

Matthew is an adjunct professor at Singularity University, bestselling author (Blockchain Competitive Advantage, Corporate Innovation in the Fifth Era, Build your Fortune in the Fifth Era, and Second Chance), and keynote speaker. He received a B.A. (Double First) and master's degree from Christ Church, Oxford, and an M.B.A. from the Stanford Graduate School of Business. He was born in London and is now a dual U.S./UK citizen and lives in San Francisco and London with his wife, Alison Davis. They have five adult children.



Stephen MacKenzie

Stephen MacKenzie is managing director at Koch Disruptive Technologies and former chief counsel at Koch Companies Public Sector, both based in Wichita, Kansas. Koch Disruptive Technologies is Koch's early-stage investment group, where Steve leads the investment strategy in blockchain, crypto, and web3 technologies. Prior to this new role, Steve served as acting general counsel for several of Koch's emerging businesses in the software, robotic actuation, and industrial analytics space.

In addition, Steve acted as IP M&A counsel for Koch Disruptive Technologies. Prior to his chief counsel role, he served in various capacities as intellectual property and litigation counsel for a number of Koch Industries' companies. Prior to joining Koch, Steve worked in private practice as a patent litigation attorney in Wilmington, Delaware. Before attending law school, Steve was an applications engineer at W. L. Gore & Associates in the Fuel Cell group. He received his J.D. from the University of New Hampshire School of Law in 2005 and his Bachelor of Chemical Engineering from the University of Delaware in 1999.



Fay Arjomandi

Fay Arjomandi is the founder, CEO, and board member of the pioneering edge cloud company mimik. From 2016-2018, she was the executive chairman of H2 Wellness, a software company based in Los Angeles. Between Aug 2014 to Oct 2016, she was the CEO of digital health company NantMobile and led its augmented reality platform (iD), several digital/genomics health initiatives, and WiGig fabless semiconductor company, Tensorcom. Prior to NantMobile, Fay was the CEO of Vodafone xone, which was the innovation brand for Vodafone. She oversaw partnerships with startup companies to develop, test, and prepare for commercial deployment in Vodafone's global markets. Additionally, her role included managing Vodafone Ventures, board membership of Vodafone Americas Enterprise, and president and chair position at Vodafone Americas Foundation. Prior to Vodafone, Fay was the co-founder and CEO of three technology startups that built location-based services (L3 Technology), mobile quality of service improvement platform (Mobidia), and mimik.

As a pragmatic technology innovator, Fay has authored many patents in telecommunications, transport layer protocols, mobile traffic management, QoS, and Edge Cloud Computing. Fay has a unique talent for spotting future trends and “connecting the dots.”

In 2022, she received the Canadian Top 20 Tech Titans Award and in 2020, she was named the Edge Woman of the year by the Linux Foundation. In 2018, she was the Alumni of the Year at Concordia University in Montreal where she received her bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. In 2014, she was named as one of the most influential woman business leaders in Silicon Valley by *San Francisco Business Week*, and in 2006, received the distinguished Business in Vancouver's “Top 40 Under 40” award. She is a member of the Forbes Technology Council and advises many startup companies and is a board advisor to American Tower, the global provider of wireless communications infrastructure.

Fay is passionate about digital inclusion and equity and has spent the last decade to create disruptive technology platforms and enablers for cloud decentralization to ensure a future sustainable internet. She has advised startup companies on how to build successful businesses, as well as corporations on digital transformation and innovation with impact. In addition to exceptional leadership and vision, Fay is a highly sought-after global speaker and industry thought leader, given her specialization and years of experience in digital communications, software applications, and edge cloud computing. Fay holds a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in electrical engineering from Concordia University. She has international experience and has lived and worked in many countries in North America, Europe, and the Middle East.



Lord (JD) Waverley

Lord (JD) Waverley is an independent member of the House of Lords, entering the United Kingdom Parliament in 1993. He contributes regularly to proceedings on international issues, addressing many challenging issues of the day.

He sits as vice chair to the Fintech & Blockchain All-Party Parliamentary Groups. Key activities undertaken at these groups range from improving financial inclusion to the potential applications of transformative technologies such as blockchain and enabling a sound regulatory framework to underpin the United Kingdom to become a world leader in fintech. Lord Waverley is also the founder of SUPPLYFINDER.COM, a platform that is focused on providing a trade ecosystem platform to all emerging markets, with a range of services in both the public and key private sector space.

Lord Waverley has received state decorations from Colombia, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan, been honoured with a Yoruba Chieftaincy in Nigeria, and is the recipient of the CEO Club BURJ award as AM.B.A.ssador for British Business.



Rebecca Macieira-Kaufmann

Rebecca Macieira-Kaufmann is a seasoned CEO with broad leadership experience in sales, marketing, risk management, operations, and international business. She draws on deep expertise in the Fortune 50 financial services industry and has a demonstrated track record of leading highly successful business turnarounds, scaling new businesses, and expanding operations globally. Rebecca spent more than 11 years at Citigroup serving in a range of CEO, president, and general manager roles. Before Citi, Rebecca spent 13 years at Wells Fargo as the head of the Small Business Segment, executive and senior vice president, and director roles. From operations to sales and marketing, Rebecca was able to transform these businesses—she simplified operations, digitized the customer experience, improved the financials, and grew them exponentially.

Rebecca founded RMK Group, LLC, in 2020 to advise startup businesses, CEOs, C-Suite members, and teams on how to exceed their potential and thrive, develop high-performing teams, and simultaneously deliver on growth and execution targets.

She also brings a strong background in governance through her corporate and nonprofit board experiences. Rebecca currently serves on corporate boards, including respectively as director of Blockchain Coinvestors Acquisition Corp I. and Flutterwave. She has more than 25 years of experience on nonprofit boards and currently serves on the board of governors of the San Francisco Symphony (audit and executive committees) and on the Senior Jewish Living Group Board.

Rebecca holds a B.A. degree in semiotics from Brown University, an M.B.A. from the Stanford Graduate School of Business, and was a post-graduate Fulbright Scholar at the University of Helsinki, Finland. She is a frequently sought-after speaker on leadership and business transformation, life and work integration, and culture change. She has been recognized for her leadership and accomplishments, including being named an Influential Woman in the Bay Area Business by the San Francisco Business Times for 12 years and a Forever Influential Woman in 2014. She was named the 2010 Financial Woman of the Year by the Financial Women's Association of San Francisco, awarded with the 2007 Women Leading Change Award by the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, and honored with the Fulbright Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018.

In 2021, Rebecca wrote *FitCEO: Be The Leader of Your Life* about achieving holistic health—at work, home, and play. With coauthor Lillian So, the book shares lessons learned over decades of leadership, fitness, transformation, and life to enable any reader ready for “immediate and imperfect action” to make small changes in habits that can manifest in lifelong change.



Kyle Williams

Kyle is head of the EMEA Consumer and Digital Finance Legal Group. He is co-chair of the Structured Investment Products Committee, a member of the Deposit Pricing and Acquisition Subcommittee, and counsel to the Goldman Sachs International (GSI) Asset and Liability Committee and the GSI Bank Asset and Liability Committee. He is also co-chair of the Firmwide Black Network in Europe. Prior to moving to London, he worked in Treasury Legal in New York for four years. Kyle joined Goldman Sachs in 2006 as a vice president and was named managing director in 2013.

Prior to joining the firm, Kyle worked in the capital markets and structured products practice groups of Davis, Polk & Wardwell, a law firm in New York City.

Kyle serves on the Board of Advisors for Washington University School of Law.

Kyle earned a B.A. in Finance from California State Polytechnic University Pomona in 1996 and a J.D. from Washington University Law School in 2001.



Jessi Brooks

Jessi Brooks is the general counsel at Ribbit Capital, a global investment firm focused on the intersection of financial services and technology.

Prior to joining Ribbit, Jessi was a national security prosecutor at the Department of Justice, focused on illicit use of cryptotote-actors. In this role, she helped develop early prosecution strategies for blockchain technology and advised other jurisdictions on how to pursue similar cases.

With this foundation, Jessi led the investigation into the dismantling of three terror finance cyber-enabled campaigns, including the disruption of the al-Qassam Brigades' Bitcoin fundraising scheme, and al-Qaeda's scheme to rely on Telegram and fake charities to launder cryptocurrency and raise illicit funds.

She also managed the start of the Bitfinex hack investigation as well as the DOJ's successful forfeiture of cryptocurrency from North Korean hackers and their Chinese co-conspirators. At the United States Attorney's Office, Jessi spent a number of years prosecuting adult and child sexual abuse, homicide, and help develop the strategy for prosecuting "revenge porn" cases. She is a graduate of the University of Virginia and Stanford Law School.



Nick Hoffman

Nick Hoffman is chief counsel – M&A and Venture Capital at Koch Industries. Nick serves as the primary legal counsel supporting Koch Disruptive Technologies, Koch's early-stage venture and growth equity arm, along with the corporate venture groups of Koch's operating companies. He also leads various mergers and acquisitions, investments, joint ventures and other transactions across the Koch companies and investment groups.

Prior to joining Koch, Nick was a partner in Stinson LLP's Corporate Finance division, with practices focusing on M&A for public and private company clients, investments and public companies and securities. Before joining Stinson, he served in-house at Oracle Health (formerly Cerner), a global health technology company when it was a public company listed on the NASDAQ stock exchange and clerked at the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District. He received his J.D. from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and his B.S. from Missouri State University.



Ben Bergsma

Ben Bergsma is a principal for Munich Re Ventures (MRV) where he focuses on Series Seed-B investments in the Insurtech and Healthtech verticals with check sizes ranging from \$1M-\$20M. He has led investments in Acko, At-Bay, Amplify Life, Stoik and others. Prior to MRV, Ben spent time as an investor at Samsung NEXT Ventures, Alpha Venture Partners, and as a founding member at JetBlue Ventures. Previously, he was the CEO & Founder of a mobile software startup focused on the travel sector. Ben holds degrees from Columbia Business School and Claremont McKenna College.



Hassan Parsa

Hassan Parsa is a seasoned high-tech executive with a passion for technology innovation, strategy, and investment. Hassan has held leadership positions in Corporate Development, M&A and Venture Capital over the last 20 years at leading technology companies in Silicon Valley. He has created significant strategic value with more than 30 M&A transactions in excess of \$5 billion in value and has deployed more than \$500 million in strategic venture investments in mobility, cloud computing, security, and AI market segments. Hassan is currently a limited partner and executive advisor at Candou Ventures and Catapult Ventures.

Previously, Hassan was the global head of Corporate Development at Arm, the leading provider of AI and computing IP, and was responsible for fueling Arm's strategic growth initiatives worldwide. He was the chairman of Arm investment committee and held Board positions at Ambiq Micro (US), Arduino (Italy), Deeptech Labs (UK), Arm IoT fund (Taiwan) and Hopu Arm Innovation fund (China). Hassan has received an M.B.A. degree with honors from Columbia University in New York City and has also earned a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering from University of Maryland.



Sanjay Vatsa

Sanjay is head of Americas and a member of the Group Executive Committee of Apex Group. Prior to joining Apex, Sanjay was president International and head of Solution at Inveniam, a dominant player in the Digital Asset, providing the infrastructure for private assets and real-world assets.

Sanjay has more than 25 years of experience in senior “C” level global leadership positions having served as managing director at Citi, BlackRock, State Street, Merrill Lynch, etc. He has been instrumental in the modernization of financial markets & transformation of various financial firms and has realized value of over ~\$4bn to the bottom line.

Sanjay is a global expert and has executed innovative solutions in the areas of data and analytics, end-to-end investment trade life cycle, operational risk, business transformation and has managed and set up Shared Services globally. Sanjay has led transformation & disruption through innovation, leveraging leading edge solutions and technology that address business issues and in evolving / creating new business models & solutions. He has focused on the design and implementation of disruptive models and technologies to enhance organizational value.

Sanjay has been associated with developing the Capital Markets infrastructure in India for the last 25 years. In early 2009/ 2001 he worked closely with SEBI chairman on developing the framework for RTGS and RTPS and the strategy to implement the dematerialization. Recently, he is working with a client who is in the Regulatory sandbox at GIFT city that is tokenizing the first Real Estate Asset that is being offered to the Non-Residents.

Sanjay has been a key player in transforming the industry in USA and has been chairman of multiple industry committees, such as Bond Market Association, Asset Management Forum, Securities Industry Association, etc. transforming financial infrastructure and reducing risk on trade date. Sanjay, as chairman of the Advisory Board, was instrumental in building OMGEO— a transformative financial industry utility. He has played an active and leadership role in shaping the Capital Markets infrastructure in India, USA, and Singapore.

Sanjay is an active angel investor / advisor to firms and late state startups where he provides innovative and disruptive solutions in health care, in fintech, cryptocurrency and blockchain. Sanjay is currently focused on creating an eco-system for startup and early-stage revenue companies, to realize their potential by appropriately positioning them in the Marketplace for growth at scale.

He is currently:

- Member of the Executive Committee and head of Americas for Apex Global
- Chairman of New York Chapter of ICAI
- Director and chairman of Audit Committee – Makara Strategic Acquisition Corp – USD 250MM Energy SPAC
- Director – DeFI Devs – a universal layer 2 blockchain that facilitates interoperability across block chains and identity
- Ex-partner and mentor at Princeton Growth Accelerator (PGA)



Frank Walczak

Mr. Walczak is a seasoned business development leader and entrepreneur with over 25 years of experience driving substantial revenue growth and creating innovative business strategies for top financial firms worldwide. Known for his visionary approach and ability to forge strategic partnerships, Mr. Walczak has consistently identified and captured long-term revenue-producing opportunities across diverse markets.

Throughout his career, Mr. Walczak has demonstrated a keen ability to build and scale successful teams, leveraging his expertise in sales, relationship management, and business strategy. His entrepreneurial spirit and leadership have enabled him to establish new lines of business, cultivate long-term alliances with key industry players, and develop first-rate, diversified teams that consistently exceed revenue objectives.

Mr. Walczak's career took off at Cantor Fitzgerald, where he was recruited from Tokyo Forex in Japan to spearhead the creation and management of a foreign exchange team in London. In this role, he managed all aspects of the start-up operation, including budget, staffing, technology coordination, telecommunications, and P&L management. His entrepreneurial drive led to the rapid establishment of a viable business, with more than 250 active accounts across Europe and Asia within five years.

After the 9/11 tragedy that profoundly impacted Cantor Fitzgerald, Mr. Walczak played a critical role in rebuilding the firm's equities team, helping restore it to a global powerhouse. Following his successful tenure at Cantor, he was introduced to tZERO, where he led business development efforts before eM.B.A.cking on his next venture in 2018 as Global Director of Business Development for Inveniam.

Mr. Walczak holds a B.S./B.A. in Economics, History, and Speech Communication from the University of Denver. He is also an active advocate for environmental causes, serving as Treasurer for the Surfers Environmental Alliance.



Brandon Caruana

Brandon Caruana is Tenet's chief executive officer, responsible for leading the bank's strategic vision, fostering continuous innovation, and ensuring the bank's overall success. With a robust track record in the technology and financial sectors, Brandon has been pivotal in building Tenet into a product that clients love and trust.

He has designed, launched, and implemented numerous large-scale technology transformations for several financial services institutions, including major overhauls for legacy banking, insurance, brokerage, trust, and hedge fund businesses. Brandon is also a successful entrepreneur, having built and run multiple million-dollar organizations centered around helping clients leverage technology to better safeguard and deploy their financial capital.

Originally from Canada, Brandon is a long-time resident of the Cayman Islands, where government administrations and regulators have consistently sought his expertise for guidance on the ongoing evolution of the intersection of finance and technology.



Christopher Britton

Christopher Britton joined Lazard in 2019 and co-leads their North American Venture and Growth Banking business from Austin, Texas, advising tech-led fast-growing private companies on their capital raisings.

At Lazard, Christopher has advised on a wide range of transactions across sectors including Smart Pension (fintech), Tessian (cybersecurity), Congenica (health tech), Bulb Energy (consumer/energy), Zymergen (synthetic biology), LumiraDX (health tech), and SystemC (electronic health records) and has strong relationship with investors across the venture and growth asset class.

Prior to joining Lazard, Christopher was at Liberum Capital where he co-led the investment companies team and previously the health care team. He has experience advising on a range of corporate transactions including private fundraises, IPOs, and secondary transactions, including M&A on the Main Market and AIM and across several different sectors. Selected transactions include the IPOs of Glencore, Infinis, Merian Chrysalis, Game Digital, and Shield Therapeutics; secondary fundraises for Shaftesbury and Workspace; and block trades for Elliot Advisers and GI Partners.

Christopher graduated with a first from St John's College, Oxford, and is a qualified solicitor, having worked at global law firm Jones Day.



Nick Christian

Nick Christian is the leader of Fintech and Specialty Finance nationally. He is responsible for helping SVB's clients at various stages of their lifecycle. He works closely with CEOs, CFOs and venture capitalists to help facilitate the growth of the Fintech ecosystem by providing innovative financing solutions, banking solutions, industry insight and advice.

Nick started with SVB in 2008, and before working in his current role, he provided warehouse facilities to leading originators within Fintech. Nick was also previously responsible for SVB's strategic capital group, which offered innovative financing solutions to high-growth technology companies.

Nick graduated with a Bachelor of Science in finance and management (with a minor in economics) from Northeastern University. Outside of work, Nick enjoys spending time with his wife, son and three dogs. Nick is an avid golfer and enjoys every opportunity to hit the golf course and play.



Kapil Chhibber

Kapil Chhibber is the managing director of Technology Partnership Development at Bank of America Corporation.

Prior to joining the bank, Kapil held roles in strategic planning and business development with Microsoft Corporation. During his tenure with Microsoft, he was a member of a team responsible for the long-term planning and strategic direction. In addition, he served as a founding member of Office Live, leading the development, planning and negotiation of partnerships across several online services.

He also held roles in venture capital / private equity with Portage Venture Partners and The Parthenon Group. He began his career as an investment banker.

Kapil was a recipient of the 40 Under 40 Award from the *San Francisco Business Times* in 2014. He currently serves as an executive committee member of the board of directors, and chair of the marketing committee for the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco.

Kapil holds a Master of Business Administration degree in entrepreneurship & innovation, finance and marketing from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Management Information Systems and Finance with Honors from the Eller College of Management at the University of Arizona.



John Short

John Short serves as senior vice president, Technology Partnership Development (TPD) manager in Global Technology.

John focuses on Consumer, Small Business & Wealth Management technology, including digital identity, payments and digital client experience. As part of the TPD team, he is responsible for developing enterprisewide views of the bank's strategic vendor and client relationships, and driving the firm's technology and business strategy.

Since joining Bank of America in 2009, John has held multiple roles in GT&O as well as roles in Global Transaction Services, as a digital product manager, and in Small Business Deposits, as a product manager responsible for reporting and analytics.

He began his career at Verizon Communications as a business intelligence analyst for the FiOS fiber optic network project.

John received a Master of Business Administration degree from the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and holds a bachelor's degree in marketing and commerce from the University of Virginia.

John lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.



Andrew Siegel

Andrew Siegel is General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer of Galaxy Digital, a digital asset and blockchain firm providing institutions, startups, and qualified individuals access to the crypto economy. Galaxy Digital's suite of financial services spans multiple synergistic business lines: trading, asset management, investment banking, mining, and ventures.

Andrew has more than 20 years of experience advising financial services firms on legal, regulatory, and compliance matters. Prior to Galaxy Digital, he served in a variety of legal and compliance roles at the global asset management and corporate advisory firm Perella Weinberg Partners, including as its General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer, and Chief Regulatory Officer. Prior to joining Perella Weinberg, Andrew was General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer of Stanfield Capital Partners LLC, an alternative asset manager based in New York. Prior to joining Stanfield, Andrew served in the law division of Morgan Stanley, initially advising its Investment Banking Department. Ultimately, he was the senior attorney responsible for advising Morgan Stanley Investment Management's alternative investment funds, including its private equity funds, venture capital funds, hedge funds, and fund of funds. Previously in his career, Andrew was a corporate attorney at Shearman & Sterling where he focused on public and private mergers and acquisitions, private equity transactions, and joint ventures.

Andrew is admitted to the Bar of the State of New York and has been designated a Certified Regulatory and Compliance Professional by FINRA. He serves on the board of the Association for Digital Asset Markets. Andrew received a Bachelor of Arts in political science, magna cum laude, from Tufts University and a J.D., summa cum laude, from Washington College of Law at American University, where he was an editor of *The American University Law Review*.



Sandip Wadje

Sandip Wadje is managing director at BNP Paribas with focus on global oversight of Emerging Tech Risks topics covering cloud technology, artificial intelligence, digital assets, and threat intelligence.



David Hornik

David is the founding partner of Lobby Capital. For more than 25 years, David has helped technology entrepreneurs build transformative businesses. Prior to founding Lobby Capital, he spent 20 years as a general partner at August Capital. David invests in a broad range of software companies, including enterprise application, infrastructure, and SaaS businesses (Splunk, Fastly, GitLab), financial technology companies (Bill.com, WePay, PayNearMe), and consumer services (Evite, Ebates, Popcorn).

David has spent the last two decades building technology communities – along with starting the first venture capital blog, VentureBlog, and the first venture capital podcast, VentureCast, David served as the Tech Curator for the TED Conference in Vancouver, co-created and hosted TEDxStanford, and founded and produces the Lobby Conferences. David received Deloitte's Venture Capitalist of the Year award and has been honored by Forbes Magazine as a member of its Midas List of top Venture Capitalists.

David has an eclectic educational background. He received a B.A. from Stanford in Computer Music, a Masters of Philosophy in Criminology from Cambridge University, and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. He teaches courses in entrepreneurship and venture capital at Stanford Business School and Harvard Law School, and serves as a VC partner at the Harvard Business School.

David lives in Palo Alto and Chelsea with his wife Pamela and their dog Teddy. He has four grown children. Along with serving on the board of GLAAD, a leading LGBTQ rights organization, David is a commissioner of the Smithsonian American Art Museum and is a member of the board of the Stanford Alumni Association.



Alka Gupta

Alka Gupta is a tech entrepreneur, venture investor, and former Fortune 500 exec with experience in digital transformation, fintech, identity, and marketplaces. She has been at the beginning of some of the most significant disruptions and platforms including blockchain, payments, ecommerce, mobile, and search at both early-stage and public companies. Alka has operated and built revenue in B2B and B2C market across more 10 countries in Asia, Europe, and Latin America, building an understanding of internationalization and localization success strategies and tactics.

She is a venture partner at Fin Capital, a \$1.2 billion fintech B2B focused global fund. Previously, she was co-founder and president of GlobalID, a venture-backed identity platform leveraging the blockchain. Prior, she was head of Marketplaces strategy at eBay/PayPal (Nasdaq: EBAY) focused on new markets during a period of revenue growth from \$9 billion to \$16 billion. Earlier, Alka was at Norwest Ventures-funded Retrevo (Acq. BN), an ecommerce business focused on the consumer electronics buying experience, where she brought in first revenue and strategic partnerships as head of Business Development. At Lycos (Nasdaq: LCOS; Acq.: TEF,) Alka led, as general manager, a global suite of products during which time the company grew revenue from \$50 million to \$800 million over four years. Lycos was one of the first and fastest search engines to IPO. As VP of Corporate Development and Strategy, she led strategy, acquisitions, and eventually saw the company through the \$12.5 billion acquisition by Telefonica.

Alka has a commitment to democratization of access and empowering populations via technology. She holds an M.B.A. from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania and a B.S. (cum laude) from Case Western Reserve University. She is a board director at MoneyGram (Nasdaq: MGI, Compliance and Ethics Committee,) National Bank Holding Corporation (NYSE: NBHC, Audit and Risk Committee, Compensation Committee), Digital Frontiers (vice chair), and board advisor at Berkeley SkyDeck and Women in Identity. She is also a regular speaker on digital transformation, fintech, and blockchain. She also spends time as a mentor at Stanford's StartX and expert in residence at The Wharton School's Venture Lab.



Emmanuel Vallod

Emmanuel is an accomplished investment professional with a wealth of experience in financial markets and blockchain technology.

Prior to joining Stake Capital, he led the fintech and blockchain VC practice in the US for early-stage investments at GSR Ventures.

Emmanuel's experience also extends to financial markets, where he previously co-led the systematic securitized team at Blackrock for over 5 years, a \$2B-a-year gross revenue business covering passive and active mandates for retail and institutionals. He co-originated 2 IPOs in that space which have been foundational to fixed-income smart-beta investing. He subsequently founded and ran an enterprise fintech startup prior to joining the VC side of the ecosystem.

Emmanuel teaches Blockchain and Fintech at UC Berkeley and UC San Diego and is an advisor/mentor at UC Berkeley SkyDeck, a high-tech entrepreneurship startup accelerator and incubator program at UC Berkeley.

He holds two master's degrees from Ecole Lyon in engineering, and from UC Berkeley in financial engineering.



Ken Deeter

Ken is a partner on the investment team at Electric Capital, focusing on Decentralized Finance, Crypto-enabled Games and Collectibles, and new classes of applications that uniquely leverage the properties of blockchain.

Ken is an experienced software engineer and product manager with a combined 15 years of experience leading teams and building products at VMware and Facebook.

Ken has a master's degree in computer science from the University of British Columbia, and a Bachelor of Science and Engineering in Computer Science from Princeton University.



Nisa Amoils

Nisa Amoils is managing partner at A100x Ventures where she invests in early stage Blockchain/AI companies. She has been in VC for over 12 years and investing in AI/blockchain since 2016, with multiple unicorns and exits. She previously worked for Dragonfly Capital, Scout Ventures and used to practice securities and corporate law at Anderson Kill. She serves on boards such as Wharton Entrepreneurship, Global Digital Assets and Crypto Association, GBBC, and public /private companies. She has been named top 50 women of web 3, *Business Insider's* Women VC's to watch, 2021 systematic leader in asset management, top 100 Women in Fintech, and top 50 global blockchain thinkers. She is an occasional host and commentator at Nasdaq and Forbes. She holds a business degree from the University of Michigan and a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania.



Lex Sokolin

Lex Sokolin is a builder and investor working on the next generation of socio-economics and financial services. He is the managing partner and co-Founder of Generative Ventures, an engaged venture capital fund investing in the Machine Economy powered by Fintech, accelerated by AI, and settled on Web3.

Previously, Lex held the roles of Chief Economist, Chief Marketing Officer, and Global Fintech co-head at Consensys, a leading Web3 blockchain software company, where he focused on protocol cryptoeconomics, digital assets, public and private blockchains, decentralized finance, and DAOs. Prior, he was the global director of Fintech Strategy at Autonomous Research, an equity research firm serving institutional investors, where he covered artificial intelligence, blockchain, neobanks, digital lenders, roboadvisors, payments, insurtech, and mixed reality. Before Autonomous, Lex was Chief Operating Officer at AdvisorEngine, a digital wealthtech platform, and CEO of NestEgg Wealth, a roboadvisor that partnered with financial advisors. Lex started his career in investment management and banking at Barclays, Lehman Brothers, and Deutsche Bank.

Lex has contributed thought leadership to the Wall Street Journal, the Economist, Bloomberg, FT, Reuters, Coindesk, American Banker, ThinkAdvisor, Investment News, among others. His industry newsletter, the Fintech Blueprint, reaches over 180,000 subscribers. Lex earned a J.D./M.B.A. from Columbia University and a B.A. in economics and law from Amherst College.



Matt Huang

Matt Huang is a venture partner at Draper Dragon. He also served as a general partner to Outliers Fund and Aranya Founders Fund, where he made investments in early-stage companies in Web3, SaaS, and mobile applications. Matt was also an entrepreneur in the cybersecurity space and was a co-founder and COO to Armorize Technologies (acquired by Proofpoint). He later served as a corporate executive at Proofpoint, where he led email security and mobile security lines of products.



George Lewin-Smith

George was previously a VP at Goldman Sachs operating in London and San Francisco. He is now CEO and co-founder of Testudo, a startup building new insurance markets for AI risks, enabling institutions to safely and responsibly adopt this technology.



Boris Revsin

Boris Revsin is managing partner at Tribe Capital, where he spearheads the firm's crypto investments, incubation, and infrastructure efforts, in addition to leading investments across primary and secondary equity opportunities. Prior to joining Tribe, Boris was the co-founder and head of Republic Capital, a registered investment advisor with more than \$900 million under management.

Republic Capital is part of the Republic.com group, an organization focused on leveraging web3 to democratize access to capital and investments. At Republic, he led all institutional investments and infrastructure as an executive vice president and head of the Republic Capital team. Republic.com is backed by cryptocurrency giants Galaxy Digital and Binance and investment group Valor Equity Partners.

Boris joined Republic.com in December of 2018 to co-found the Republic Capital subsidiary. The founding team at Republic Capital focused on fintech infrastructure and cryptocurrency investments, making investments into cap-table provider Carta (alongside Tribe Capital), Robinhood's first growth stage rounds, and layer-1 cryptocurrency "Flow" by Dapper. Boris also led growth stage investments into Avalanche, Polygon, and Near Protocol. Boris helped recruit and design the operations and infrastructure team that would eventually support more than \$900 million in assets under management by January 2022.

Prior to Republic Capital, Boris was the co-founder of Game Theory Group, a boutique research desk focusing on cryptocurrency infrastructure. From 2015 to 2017, Boris was the founding president of VentureApp, now known as HqO. From 2009 to 2015, Boris was the co-founder of Breaktime Media, a promotional media platform serving some of the biggest brands in the world, which was acquired in 2015 by advertising leader Connelly Partners. Boris studied computer science at University of Massachusetts, Amherst.



Madeleine McCarthy

Madeleine McCarthy is head of Strategy and Business Development at Acorns. In her role, she is responsible for partnerships, mergers and acquisitions, and strategic finance initiatives. She spends most of her time talking to companies about potential acquisitions or partnerships to help Acorns achieve meaningful growth for an important mission of empowering all people to save and invest.

Madeleine spent a decade in investment banking, advising primarily technology companies on IPOs, M&A, and private placements. She started her career in investment banking at Morgan Stanley, focused on private equity and technology companies. She then helped to start a boutique investment bank, DBO Partners, led by former Morgan Stanley partners. Most recently, Madeleine was a managing director focused exclusively on advising technology companies, with a focus on enterprise software, although she worked on transactions across the technology sector and advised on more than \$70 billion of transactions.

Madeleine graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in Statistics and a minor in Industrial Engineering, and she was a member of the women's rowing team, which won the national championships. She has a passion for investing and enjoys advising and mentoring people on their company's strategic goals.



Olivier Dang

Olivier is the head of Laser Digital Ventures and board member of Laser Digital Holdings, the crypto arm of Nomura that is redefining the frontier of digital finance. As head of Laser Digital Ventures, Olivier is investing in early-stage transformative businesses in the Web 3 space.

Olivier has been at Nomura since 2010 and held various roles in Corporate Strategy and Business Management in Hong Kong and London. Prior to this, he was a Management Consultant at McKinsey in London and he started his career as an entrepreneur building a mobile internet company in France.

He holds a MSc in Telecommunications from Chalmers University of Technology, an engineering degree from the Institut Supérieur d'Electronique de Paris and a M.B.A. from the London Business School. Olivier is based in Zurich.



Devon Kirk

Devon Kirk is co-head and partner, Portage Capital Solutions at Portage and joined the firm in 2022. Devon is responsible for co-leading growth equity, structured equity and special situations investments in financial technology and financial services companies globally, as well as driving the fund's overall strategy. She is based in Toronto, Canada.

Prior to Portage, Devon spent over ten years at CPP Investments, a C\$539 billion fund as of March 31, 2022. She was most recently managing director and head of Capital Solutions, overseeing financials, special situations and esoteric investments, and a member of the Global Leadership Team. Previously, Devon was a managing director in the Direct Private Equity team, where she focused on the financials and TMT sectors. While at CPP Investments, Devon was on the board of Wilton Re, a board observer for Altice USA, and served on various firm investment committees.

Prior to joining CPP Investments, Devon was in Corporate/M&A at Linklaters LLP, a London-based multinational law firm, and started her career in M&A at BMO Harris Nesbitt in Chicago.

Devon received a Bachelor of Commerce degree, with Great Distinction, from McGill University and a Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School. She is also a CFA Charterholder and chair of the Bishop Strachan School.



Abigail Johnson

Abigail is COO and partner at Sapphire, where she oversees all aspects of Sapphire's operations, including the organization's legal affairs, finance and reporting, corporate compliance, HR, administration, IT, and facilities. She is also passionate about ESG and corporate giving, and leads these firm initiatives. Previously, Abigail was general counsel of Sapphire.

Prior to joining the firm in 2015, Abigail was an associate at Jones Day, where she practiced in the areas of venture capital, M&A, fund formation, and general corporate and securities matters. She also worked in-house at an early-stage fintech company in the Bay Area prior to joining Jones Day, and, before attending law school, she worked in management consulting at Charles River Associates. Abigail holds a J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School and a bachelor's degree from Rice University in civil and environmental engineering.



Vic Arulchandran

Vic has been focused on designing and delivering fintech solutions in capital markets, notably with a successful exit from a B2B fintech providing primary capital markets SaaS platforms, and currently leading the digital arm of a traditional market infrastructure.

In addition, Vic participated in many leading accelerator and incubator programmes aimed at funding and scaling, including the Microsoft Accelerator, Accenture FinTech Innovation Lab and JP Morgan In-Residence. Vic developed experience in fundraising, technical sales, product strategy, and innovation marketing.

Prior to banking, Vic completed a PhD in Mathematics and represented the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications (IMA).



Justine Bone

Justine is the executive director of the Crypto ISAC. She has served as CISO at Bloomberg, LP, where she founded the information security group, as CEO of offensive security company Immunity, Inc., and as CEO of medical security research firm MedSec, where her work led directly to FDA recalls of implantable medical devices. She has served for years as a member of the Blackhat Review Board and Blackhat's CISO Summit Advisory Board, and as head of Infrastructure and Information Security at Dow Jones, where Justine led cloud transformation and information security. She has advised several Fortune 50 companies and continues to serve on the Advisory Board of HP. Other companies Justine has advised include Redjack, Decentrweb, Emergent Security, and Drawbridge Networks. In her early career, Justine served as a security researcher at New Zealand's GCSB, trained by the NSA, and then joined the ISS X-Force as a security researcher.



Sekayi Mutambirwa

Sekayi Mutambirwa is the co-founder and CSO of Blam Retail, a Silicon Valley based technology firm creating websites, delivery services for US convenience stores and online lottery. Also making the US lottery available for players outside the US.

She has been mentoring, angel investing and advising fintech and crypto start ups through accelerator programs since 2013, including Accenture Fintech Innovation Lab, Outlier Ventures and R3 Ventures. She is a venture partner with Republic who invest in crypto, gaming and real estate.

Sekayi is a board member for Enterprise and Innovation for a UK county and sits on a sub-committee that allocates funding to scale ups developing commerce and creating jobs. She is on the Advisory Board for the African Business Chamber and advises many technology and Web 3 start ups.

She started her career in IT management consulting where she spent a decade in digital banking transformation projects and working in banking innovation labs with fintech founders and FAANGs at Lloyds Banking Group, Barclays and HSBC. She left banking to join decentralized exchange, Energi as their director of Partnerships and Investments.



Jennie Levin

Jennie Levin currently serves as head of Regulatory and Compliance at Figment Inc., a protocol staking company. Prior to joining Figment, she worked at DraftKings, where she was responsible for navigating the complex legal and regulatory issues related to sports betting and web3.

From approximately 2010-2019, Jennie served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of Illinois, where she focused on financial crimes, and has been an adjunct professor in trial advocacy at Northwestern Law School for the last 11 years.

Jennie earned her B.A. in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law.



Julian Roooes

Julian Roooes joined Picus Americas as a partner in 2020 and manages the firm's Americas operations out of the Picus office in New York. Prior to joining Picus, he worked for Credit Suisse in the Investment Banking and Capital Markets division in New York and London.

At Credit Suisse, Julian advised financial services and fintech clients on M&A as well as private and public financing transactions. Prior to that, Julian gathered practical experience in private capital, investing, and consulting and obtained an IHK Bankkaufmann degree. Julian graduated from WHU—Otto Beisheim School of Management with a bachelor's degree in finance and general management.

**Daniel Niklas**

Daniel Niklas joined Picus Americas as an investor in 2020 and covers the firm's crypto/web3 investments across the Americas. He has a passion for web3 infrastructure projects (e.g., security and trust, scalability, analytics) as well as for web3 adoption in the gaming space.

Prior to joining Picus, Daniel worked on the Investment Banking Team at Goldman Sachs in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Frankfurt, where he advised global enterprises and financial investors on strategic transactions in the technology, retail, automotive, renewable energy, chemicals/pharma, and engineering/construction industries. Daniel holds a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Mannheim in Germany.

**Lawrence Wintermeyer**

Lawrence Wintermeyer is a globally recognized digital financial advocate and has more than 25 years' experience as an advisor, executive, and board member working with companies from startups to global brands in the financial services, TMT, and energy sectors. He is the former CEO of Innovate Finance, the UK fintech members association, and a co-founder of Global Digital Finance, a not-for-profit promoting fair and transparent markets for digital and crypto assets.

He is experienced in the alternative asset management sector, with a focus on systematic investment management strategies, big data analytics, machine learning, and distributed ledger technologies. Based in London, he is the principal of Elipses, a digital advisory and investment management firm, has an M.B.A., and sits on several commercial, not-for-profit, and charity boards. Lawrence promotes ethical and sustainable finance policies for a transparent, secure, and quality digital future for everyone, and is a regular Forbes contributor.



James Bowater

Best known as a leading commentator, connector, and influencer in the UK blockchain space, James Bowater founded Crypto AM in partnership with London's City AM newspaper, launching on June 18, 2018, as a double-page spread. City AM to date is the only mainstream publisher to have a dedicated regular section covering AI, blockchain, crypto, and DLT.

The COVID-19 crisis has meant that the newspaper is not being produced and as such, the focus is digital, and CryptoAM.io was launched on March 31, 2020. Crypto AM is supplemented by a number of very active WhatsApp groups, a Telegram group, and numerous networking events. James, in association with City AM, organized the inaugural Crypto AM Awards, which took place on March 11, 2022, in London's Canary Wharf. At the event, 12 awards were handed out in front of a packed audience including Alderman William Russell, the Rt Hon Lord Mayor of London.

James is also the founder of the London Blockchain Forum, the leading cross-community platform (Telegram and Meetup) for the UK AI, blockchain, crypto, and DLT industries.

James also serves as an advisor to a number of projects and is equally known for connecting people and companies.



Tarun Sharma

Tarun Sharma has 16+ years of experience in technology with a focus on Web3 and CyberSecurity. He has a deep understanding of Decentralized Applications, Cloud Technology, Application Development, Cyber Security. Before joining Google, Tarun has worked with AWS and IBM in various capacities on their Web3 initiatives. He has also bootstrapped two successful startups in his career. Presently, Tarun is leading partner engineering efforts in Google Cloud focusing on growing CyberSecurity and Web3 ecosystem for Google Cloud partners.



Joshua Riezman

Joshua Riezman is managing director and head of U.S. Legal and Compliance for GSR, a leading crypto market making and trading firm. Previously, Joshua was assistant general counsel for product and regulatory matters at Circle, a global financial technology firm that provides crypto-native payments and treasury infrastructure. In his prior traditional finance career, Joshua represented global financial institutions with respect to trading, clearing, and custody in the securities, commodities, and derivatives markets as in-house counsel and in private practice.

Joshua received his J.D. from the Fordham University School of Law and his B.A. in international affairs from the George Washington University.

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Benoit Bosc

Benoit Bosc is global head of Product at GSR, a leading crypto market maker, and trading firm founded in 2013. He started investing in crypto in 2017 and made the full-time switch in 2021, since then developing a passion for the digital asset class. Prior to joining GSR, Benoit was head of global crude derivatives trading at Goldman Sachs in New York after a 15-year international career in Sales and Trading.



Jason Best

Jason is based in San Francisco, CA and is a managing partner of Vectr Fintech. He has invested across A.I., blockchain, and fintech in the US, Asia and MENA regions. He co-authored the crowdfund-investing framework used in the JOBS Act to legalize securities-based crowdfunding in the US, by changing 80-year-old securities laws. He provided US Congressional testimonies, and attended the White House, Rose Garden ceremony for President Obama to sign The JOBS Act into law. Over 7,000 companies, across all 50 states, have raised over US\$2B via this legislation.

Following the JOBS Act, he formed Crowdfund Capital Advisors (CCA) to advise governments, regulators, financial institutions, and entrepreneurs on fintech policy and regulation. CCA has worked in 45 countries in 7 years. Jason is an Entrepreneur in Residence at UC Berkeley's Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology.

Prior to Jason's fintech work he led strategy and growth at Kinnser Software, a 2-time Inc-500 company (one of the 500 fastest growing private companies in the US) which was acquired by Insight Partners.



Manoj Karnani

Manoj Karnani leads Accenture's fintech portfolio and strategy in the West and has spent 20+ years working with financial services and rapid-growth tech and fintech companies. He is passionate about the fintech space and the opportunity to serve as an advisor to help drive growth and scale.



Ben Brown

In his role as managing director, Ben Brown supports Accenture's work with next-gen financial technology platforms and hypergrowth financial services challengers in North America across all four services (strategy consulting, interactive, technology, and operations). Ben has experience working with large and small banks, technology companies, merchants, and private equity investors. He has also been an advisor to fintech accelerators like the CFSI's Financial Solutions Lab, SVB's Commerce.Innovated, and 500 Startups.



Steve Payne

Steve Payne is a co-founder of Architect Partners, a boutique fintech/digital assets M&A and strategic financing firm. Last year Architect advised on two of the top three crypto M&A transactions (FairX acquired by Coinbase | Diem acquired by Silvergate) and the top European crypto M&A transaction (Trustology acquired by Bitpanda). Prior to Architect, Steve has been a senior operating executive, a venture investor, and a tech dealmaker in Silicon Valley, most recently as managing partner of the Ignite Group, a trans-Pacific venture capital partnership with funds in Silicon Valley and Tokyo. Before that, he headed New Products at Sega and was EVP of Product Development and Marketing at SegaSoft.

Architect Partners connects young, fast-growing companies with world-class partners for business development, investment, or M&A. Steve has completed more than a hundred venture financings and acquisitions transactions.

In his spare time, Steve mentors startup CEOs and works with several accelerators to give back to tech and social innovators. He has been a CEO mentor and/or business plan judge for the One Harvard New Venture Competition, the Startup World Cup, the Global Social Ventures Competition and others. Steve holds an engineering degree from Washington University in St. Louis and an M.B.A. from Harvard. He has been a director of two dozen private and non-profit boards.



Elliot Chun

Elliot Chun is a partner at Architect Partners, a crypto-dedicated M&A and strategic financing advisory team. In 2022, Architect advised on two of the top three crypto M&A transactions (FairX acquired by Coinbase; Diem acquired by Silvergate) and the top European crypto M&A transaction (Trustology acquired by Bitpanda).

With 20-plus years in Capital Markets and full-time in Crypto since early 2018, Elliot brings a wide range of experience across asset classes (Digital Asset Markets, Equities, FX, Real Estate), across functions (Investment Banking, Buy-Side, Consulting, Sell-Side), and across company sizes (Bank of America, Perella Weinberg Partners, Architect Partners).

Prior to Architect Partners, Elliot founded and collaborated on a few ventures in Blockchain and other emerging technologies, built an Alternative Asset Management Platform for a leading boutique investment bank, consulted on various initiatives for major investment banks, and started in Cash Equity Sales & Trading.



Anthony Woolley

Anthony Woolley is an entrepreneurial banking and financial services technology executive with expertise in capital markets, investment banking, trade finance, and wealth management. He has a particular interest in fintech, digital securities, and the transformation of wholesale banking.

Having collaborated with a multitude of fintechs and high-growth companies in his capacity as a banking CIO, Anthony recently took the opportunity to work independently with a small number of high-potential companies that he really believes in. These business have some common characteristics: highly credible leadership teams, a strong vision, disruptive business models, and the ability to deliver.

Anthony joined Schrodgers Investment Bank in 1994, where he led their Corporate Finance Technology department. Subsequent mergers with Salomon Smith Barney and Citibank saw him progress in various front-office technology leadership roles. He managed the CitiFX ecommerce and pricing technology program in London during a period of dramatic transformation of the high-frequency trading and auto-hedging of foreign exchange products. He left Citi in 2009 to lead the FX etrading program at HSBC before joining Société Générale, where he headed the UK Fixed Income, Currencies, and Commodities Technology department. He was appointed the UK Chief Information Officer in 2013, and in 2017, he was given the opportunity to set up a new innovation function working at a group level.

Anthony is a regular presenter at industry conferences and has become a recognized thought leader on the application of blockchain technology to the regulated financial services industry.

**Michael Barrell**

Michael Barrell has founded several businesses all centered on enabling the growth of digital business, and invested and acted on advisory boards with particular focus on helping companies achieve international growth within the area of complex B2B and digital enablement.

Michael had his initial career at IBM, which culminated in growing and running a \$200 million business until he focused on software solutions within the telecom sector. This experience formed the basis for the businesses in which he has subsequently been a founder.

Businesses where Michael has a significant investment and active role include Juliet Media, MBR Partners, WeCode, and Tokeny. Juliet Media is a full-service B2B marketing company and includes Juliet Summits, which runs events focused on the leading-edge areas of fintech and telecoms. MBR Partners is one of the best-known executive search names in telecom and complex B2B solutions. WeCode, working from a base in Poland, provides high-growth tech businesses with a way to rapidly extend their agile development teams. Tokeny is the leading fintech platform for digitization of securities and assets.

Although currently resident in London, Michael was born and educated in New Zealand, where he initially studied engineering and received a business and marketing degree at Victoria University.



Elliot Han

Elliot Han is a partner at PGP Capital Advisors, covering a variety of sectors with an emphasis on Digital Assets. He focuses on mergers & acquisitions, corporate finance advisory, and equity & debt capital raisings, both in the domestic and international arena. Elliot has more than 15 years of financial, legal, and start-up experience, where he has closed over 100 transactions with a total value over \$120bn. He was previously a managing director, head of FinTech/Blockchain, Crypto & Digital Assets Investment Banking and head of Technology Equity Capital Markets at Cantor Fitzgerald.

Elliot was also the former head of FinTech & Consumer Tech Capital Markets at the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”). Before the NYSE, he was the head of Banking and part of the management team at the Argon Group, a leading blockchain/crypto software technology & advisory start-up.

Prior to Argon, he led the West Coast technology equity capital markets team for Jefferies. Previously, Elliot was an executive director, business unit manager and operating officer for the UK & Emerging Markets teams at Goldman Sachs, where he focused on the technology sector.

Earlier in his career, he was a corporate lawyer at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and began his investment banking career at Credit Suisse First Boston. Elliot graduated from Columbia University with a B.A. in Classics and Biology. He graduated from Oxford University with a master’s degree in classics and received his law and M.A. degrees from Cambridge University, where he was a Cambridge Overseas Trust Scholar. Elliot is a member of the board of trustees at Xavier High School, NYC. He is also a limited partner in blockchain/crypto investment funds and an angel/seed investor in the digital assets space.



Mark Edwards

Mark Edwards is co-founder of TNG Capital Partners based in New Jersey. In this role Mark partners with founders, CEOs and boards to help them scale their companies by leveraging the team’s significant experience in high growth businesses, product development, M&A, governance & fundraising. TNG Capital Partners is an active participant, often taking operational roles and equity positions.

Previously Mark was in the storage network sector: during his tenure as the number two executive at QLogic Corp, he helped to steer the company from a \$50M to a \$10B market cap along with a place on the NASDAQ-100. Following this, Mark ran a venture capital fund with exits in the US, Australia, NZ, UK and Israel and delivered a top-quartile return. Mark has driven more than \$2B in equity transactions during his career. He has lived and worked in the US, Europe and APAC. He holds a B.Sc. (Hons.) Business Studies from the Bayes Business School at City, University of London.



Steven S. McNew

Steve McNew provides strategic advice and expert services for companies in the blockchain and digital assets sector and corporations looking to innovate with these technologies. He has led more than 80 cryptocurrency investigations and has offered testimony as a digital assets expert 18 times in the United States and once in Australia.

Mr. McNew is the global lead of the Blockchain and Digital Assets practice leading engagements focused on crypto-native entities involved in bankruptcy, restructuring, M&A, due diligence, investigations, strategy and innovation. He has led large-scale blockchain technology implementation projects including smart contract development combined with AI and IoT devices and provided forensic investigations expertise into disputes involving various forms of cryptocurrencies.

In addition to Mr. McNew's crypto assets and blockchain experience, he leads large-scale engagements for clients in data governance and data privacy, has authored an enterprise search patent application and has led a myriad of engagements related to emerging technologies and digital forensics for 32 years.



Vanessa Fernandes

Vanessa Fernandes is responsible for the design and implementation of the token as a service and custody platform while directing Itaú's long-term vision to create a full-service digital assets capability for cryptocurrencies and tokenized assets.

As a former CTO at Itaú Unibanco, Vanessa developed international expertise in originating/launching and managing successful global business IT strategies. Her activities have included the launch of the emerging technologies practice; the research and development of distributed ledger (blockchain), quantum computing, and 5G technologies; and connecting big tech, fintech, and startup ecosystems in the United States with Itaú business and IT areas in Brazil.



Preston Fischer

Preston Fischer is a digital risk and innovation expert focusing on blockchain and digital assets. Mr. Fischer brings more than 20 years of experience in emerging technology, innovation and digital risk management across consultancies, technology organizations, and public affairs. His expertise helps clients address risk while driving advancement.

Mr. Fischer has extensive experience in architecting digital infrastructure, shaping go-to-market strategies, and launching solutions that transform business processes and mitigates digital risk. This includes blockchain-based solutions that improve supply chains, enable transparent information sharing and decentralized finance initiatives. He also applies his e-discovery, digital forensics, and cybersecurity background to support clients involved in cryptocurrency-related disputes and investigations.

Prior to joining FTI Consulting, Mr. Fischer was vice president of Strategy and Finance at Connected DMV, where he supported regional cooperation to generate economic development and technology innovation. He has also held managing director and vp roles at Alnair Group, Aon, and Navigant, leading work across cybersecurity services, market strategy, risk mitigation, and data management. As a longstanding researcher in Austrian economics, banking systems, and digital currencies, Mr. Fischer's depth of expertise provides clients with insight and strategic guidance while implementing emerging technologies.



Sam Bodick

Sam is co-founder of Veil Capital, a deep fundamental, protocol lifecycle investment firm. He previously led firmwide trading and on-chain participation at Polychain Capital.

During his tenure, Sam was one of the most active on-chain participants in the industry, deploying and securing more than \$3B in decentralized finance. Prior to Polychain, Sam worked for a quantitative spinout of Nuveen Asset Management. Sam began researching, and investing in, cryptoassets in 2013.



Nick Andrews

Nick Andrews's career has been in the financial services sector and has included being on the board of a large multidisciplinary securities broker/dealer, head of Credit at the UK banking subsidiary of a Japanese securities house, and many years in senior credit and compliance roles.

Nick is the founder and managing director of MPAC Limited, one of the preeminent compliance and regulatory companies in London; CEO of EddieUK Ltd., a digital investment bank; director of Supermoney Ltd, a blockchain tech company; co-founder of a crypto trading entity; and an independent non-executive director, chair of the Audit Committee, and chair of the Nominations Committee at the UK subsidiary of one of the largest banks in America (Wells Fargo).

He speaks at various conferences and panels and is an occasional guest lecturer on topical financial sector issues at two universities. With a keen interest in history and the City of London, Nick was the Master of The Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers in the year 2015 to 2016.



Angelo Chan

Angelo Chan is an upcoming partner with Stake Capital.

Angelo first became involved in cryptocurrencies in 2015 as a Series C investor in Coinbase (Nasdaq: COIN). He was formerly a managing director at BlockFi, a leading crypto asset lender with institutional backing from investors that include Valar Ventures, Galaxy Digital, Fidelity, SoFi and Coinbase Ventures. At BlockFi, Angelo was responsible for structuring bespoke financing transactions collateralized by cryptocurrency as well as cryptocurrency-based derivatives such as over-the-counter swaps. He also launched new initiatives for crypto native products related to staking and decentralized finance (DeFi), led the transaction team for debt financings with traditional financial institutions, and helped formulate BlockFi's business response to regulatory challenges.

Angelo's work with cryptocurrencies builds on his background in traditional finance, in particular the structuring and execution of cross-border financing transactions with complex tax, accounting and regulatory considerations. Between 2004 and 2012, Angelo worked at Barclays Investment Bank in London and New York as a member of the Structured Capital Markets Group, and subsequently at C12 Capital, where he served as a director of the hedge fund manager spun off from Barclays in 2009. In these roles, he helped originate, structure and execute over USD 40bn of proprietary transactions with counterparties in Europe, US, Latin America and Asia over a diverse range of underlying assets such as listed equities, sovereign debt, corporate bonds and asset-backed securities.

Angelo was subsequently a director in the Structured Equity Finance Team at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, which provided clients with leverage, stock lending, hedging and other related prime brokerage services. There, he had particular responsibility for covering financial institutions and multi-national corporations in Latin America, and was closely involved in the development of new financial products and transactions.



Mohamed Yousef

Mohamed Yousef is an accomplished legal professional with over 25 years experience covering technology, corporate and commercial as well as investment and finance related transactions across diverse geographic regions. Mohamed's private practice experience includes working with leading international law firms and senior in-house and General Counsel roles working with investment companies owned by GCC Sovereign Wealth Funds including a Qatar based venture capital and private equity investment company investing in emerging technologies around the globe and other sovereign companies investing in food security assets and technologies.

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Santiago Velez

Santiago Velez is a practitioner in the digital asset and distributed ledger/blockchain space, co-founding and advising several companies.

Santiago is the co-founder and division lead of Research & Development at Block Digital Corporation, which focuses on deploying decentralized edge computing. He's also vice president of R&D at Sindric Solutions, a web3 enterprise software development company that has built and advised on products for Fortune 50 companies like Nike, and organizations like the NCAA, using web2 cloud in conjunction with DLT technologies.

Santiago has a degree in nuclear engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and more recently completed the UPenn Wharton School of Business's Economics of Blockchain and Digital Assets certification program. When not spending time with his three daughters, Santiago contributes to the Real Vision platform to perform deep-dive long-form interviews with up-and-coming leaders in the web3 space. Lastly, he's a vigorous Twitter poster on all things crypto and a mouthpiece for anyone with interesting ideas.



Geoff Clauss

Geoff Clauss is Blockdaemon's Chief Revenue Officer and has 20+ years of fintech sales leadership experience. Geoff has an extensive background in trading networks, legacy financial infrastructure services, and managing successful teams. He is passionate about developing teams that rise to the top of a competitive marketplace and knows the importance of happy and successful customers. Geoff is keen to help even more institutions access and unlock quality blockchain data with Blockdaemon.



Rajeev Bamra

Rajeev Bamra is the head of DeFi & Digital Assets strategy and operations at Moody's, he leads a dedicated digital finance team equipped with extensive expertise in the dynamic digital ecosystem and a profound understanding of traditional finance infrastructure. His team's primary focus lies in meticulously exploring the intersection of these two domains, specifically in identifying and analyzing emerging risks stemming from their integration. Through comprehensive research and evaluation, he aims to develop a resilient strategy that effectively addresses the distinctive challenges and opportunities arising from this convergence.



Adam Sand

Adam Sand leads the legal team for Blockdaemon Inc., one of the leading blockchain infrastructure and staking technology providers. Previously, Adam served as General Counsel for Ciitizen Corporation, a startup providing health records technology for rare diseases that was sold to Invitae Corporation, and before that as General Counsel and VP of Business Development for Shopkick, which was sold to Retail Trax Inc. Prior to joining Shopkick, Adam was GC of SK Planet, Inc., the U.S. arm of one of South Korea's largest companies; was lead counsel for Ancestry, where he helped launch the AncestryDNA testing service worldwide; and worked for international law firms such as Pillsbury Winthrop and Jones Day, where he represented companies such as Apple, AT&T, and Chevron.

When he isn't facilitating deals for Blockdaemon, you will find Adam playing with his kids, teaching web3 legal issues to future lawyers, or learning to create Ethereum smart contracts.



Matt Enriquez

Matt Enriquez currently serves as Senior corporate counsel at DraftKings, Inc., where he is responsible for legal and regulatory advice concerning the company's web3 ventures. He is interested in exploring the ways in which web3/crypto intersects with highly regulated spaces such as gambling/sports betting and banking.



Frederic Dalibard

Fred Dalibard is global head of Blockchain at Groupe BPCE. Since 2015, Fred has occupied several roles related to innovation, blockchain, and ebusiness within Natixis's Corporate & Investment Banking division, part of Groupe BPCE. Fred represents Groupe BPCE/Natixis on the board of directors of R3 (since 2017) and was the chairman of the board of R3 between 2018 and 2021.

Fred was also a board director of Komgo from its creation in 2018 until mid-2022. After one year at Dexia Credit Local, Fred joined Natixis in 2002. Fred then occupied several positions, mostly in front office and quantitative roles, dealing with structured credit assets and also financing assets. Fred began his career in 1998 as a consultant with Arthur Andersen Management in Paris.



Jamie Finn

Jamie Finn is the co-founder and president of Securitize, Inc., the leading platform for issuing digital securities. Jamie has a background as both an operating entrepreneur and corporate executive, with more than 20 years of experience. Prior to Securitize, Jamie worked at Telefonica, o2, Ericsson, and more recently AT&T in Big Data Product Innovation, as well as startups including Kontera, A.Ki, Thumbplay, Zingy, and others in a variety of senior roles. He has participated in more than \$700 million worth of transactions on the buy and sell side in tech M&A over the course of his career. Jamie earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Babson College.



Anthony Bassili

Anthony Bassili, CAIA, is head of Asset Allocators for Coinbase Institutional Americas. In this role, he advises North America's largest financial institutions on investment solutions related to digital assets, web3, and crypto strategies. His clients include government and corporate pension plans, consultants, multi-manager platforms, outsourced chief investment officer platforms, foundation/endowments, and family offices.

Prior to joining Coinbase, Anthony served as head of Pension for iShares. There he led BlackRock iShares's efforts in expanding the investor toolkit for allocators to include ETFs across public and private asset classes, including ESG and niche or thematic exposures. Prior to leading the iShares business, he spent more than a decade leading business development and investment strategy for the Global Trading and Transition Management platform at BlackRock.

From 2015 to 2020, Anthony also served as chapter head for the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst ("CAIA") San Francisco Bay Area chapter, leading more than 400 CAIA members in connecting and pursuing financial literacy across alternative investment strategies. Over this period, he served, on behalf of BlackRock, on the board of directors for the Bay Area Council and the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. He focused on local policy and tax issues across the State of California. He holds NASD series 3, series 7, series 63, and series 24 licenses.



Ehsan Haque

Ehsan Haque currently acts as head of UK Legal & Compliance and global Legal & Compliance lead for Trading at Laser Digital, a Nomura Group company. He has over 20 years of experience working as in-house counsel for a variety of institutions including top-tier investment banks, broker-dealers, and fintech startups. He has spent the last 10 years in leadership and senior leadership roles. After a career in advertising, Ehsan trained at Slaughter and May in London before working as a global markets/equities sales and trading lawyer for Deutsche Bank, RBS Global Banking and Markets, and Nomura, where he was part of the senior management team of the EMEA legal department and led the Equities legal product coverage in EMEA supporting Nomura's equities sales and trading businesses. More recently, Ehsan was the first general counsel at Lendingblock, an institutional cryptocurrency borrowing and lending platform and general counsel at Alphaswap, an alpha capture and investment management platform. He is ex-global general counsel at Hamilton Capital Holding Limited and ex-EMEA general counsel at Amber Group. Ehsan also acts as an advisor to various fintech companies and accelerator programs. He is also active in mentoring junior BAME professionals in the legal and finance sectors.



Brian Trunzo

As head of BD, North America at Polygon Labs, Brian is responsible for onboarding IP holders, large enterprises, developers and brands into the Polygon blockchain's ecosystem. Having started his professional career as a financial regulatory attorney at Cadwalader, he pivoted, becoming a leading voice in men's fashion which resulted in two successful exits within the luxury space. Upon those exits, Brian went on to lead WGSN, the authority in trend forecasting, in growing their North American consulting business. In leading up to his tenure at Polygon Labs, Brian built a metaverse consultancy to advise legacy brands on how to leverage their IP in the metaverse while heading up America's largest men's fashion trade show at Informa Markets.



Rory Clark

Based in Silicon Valley, Rory Clark is a senior vice president in Citi's Venture Banking group, which sits within Citi Commercial Bank. Between the United Kingdom and the United States, with roles spanning Corporate and Commercial Banking, Credit Risk, and Cash Management, Rory has been with Citi for more than 10 years.

As a global relationship manager in the Venture Banking group, Rory is responsible for identifying, onboarding, managing, and enabling the growth of key tech disrupters, with a focus on fintech and SaaS. Rory identifies the current and future needs of his clients and works in tandem with product specialists from across the bank to design global solutions for his clients—spanning debt, FX, cash management, investment banking, capital markets, and wealth management.

In between his two stints with Citi, Rory also held a senior sales role at UK-based Ebury, a fast-growth fintech focused on cross-border payments and FX.



Christopher Grieco

Chris Grieco is the General Counsel of Rain, a fintech startup dedicated to helping Web3 teams use their digital assets in the real world. Previously, Grieco served as General Counsel at Fei Labs, a decentralized stablecoin project.

Before his work in DeFi, Grieco held several high-level positions within the Federal Government. His most recent public service culminated with a senior position at the Department of Justice, where he served as Associate Deputy Attorney General, advising the Deputy Attorney General and the Department on various technological issues. His work at the Department included helping draft the 2020 Google Antitrust complaint and leading the Department's review of Section 230, among other tech issues. He also served as Associate White House Counsel in the White House Counsel's Office where he led the confirmation of multiple federal judges including Justice Neil Gorsuch, and as a federal prosecutor in the Eastern District of Virginia. Prior to his time in the executive branch, he served on Capitol Hill where he led multiple high-profile investigations as Counsel for the Judiciary Committee. Grieco clerked for Judge Edith Clement on the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and graduated from Stanford Law School.



Maximillian Jungreis

Maximillian Jungreis is the head of Crypto and Digital Assets at Plug and Play Tech Center, the world's largest early-stage investor, accelerator, and corporate innovation platform. Maximillian works with more than 560 global corporate partners from financial services, brand and retail, and supply chain to accelerate their web3 adoption journeys by leveraging Plug and Play's innovation ecosystem of over 50,000 startups across 46 cities.

Maximillian Jungreis has more than seven years of experience in crypto as an operator, researcher, and investor. Prior to leading Plug and Play Crypto, Max spent two years at Stanford University as a founding member of the Future of Digital Currency Initiative, a multidisciplinary research effort focused on CBDCs (central bank digital currencies). Before that, he served as head of partnerships for Blockchain Labs (fka YosemiteX), one of Korea's largest blockchain companies, which today services more than 25 million users through their front-facing application, Coov.



Ben Hoxie

Ben Hoxie serves as a venture analyst on the Vectr Fintech Partners team. As an analyst, Ben works on deal sourcing, investment due diligence, market research, and financial analysis. Prior to joining Vectr, Ben served as a product management intern at Fidelity Labs in Boston, where he worked on multiple startup teams to help them design and develop innovative fintech products. Ben graduated from Dartmouth College with a Master of Engineering Management and a Bachelor of Engineering. Ben also graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in physics and a minor in economics from Bowdoin College.



Olaf Ammermann

Olaf Ammermann started his finance career at Goldman Sachs working in a variety of equity volatility trading and multi-asset structuring roles in London and Hong Kong. He then moved to Toronto where he implemented a trading risk framework at Bank of Montreal and later joined TD Bank as a senior structured products and equity volatility trader.

After 15 years working in traditional finance roles, Olaf transitioned to the digital asset space initially as a business analyst and quant trader at Nomisma where he designed and implemented crypto derivatives trading platforms. In parallel Olaf setup a Crypto option trading venture, running electronic market making strategies on centralised crypto derivatives platforms.

Nomisma became part of Amber Group in 2021 and Olaf took on the role of managing director for the UK & Europe. Olaf is now the managing director of Islington Consultants and helps and advises start-up and established companies in the fintech, capital markets and digital assets space on strategy, developing new businesses, and how to navigate the trading and regulatory world of digital assets.

Olaf has developed a deep knowledge of financial markets, derivatives trading, trading platforms & exchanges, business development and the associated regulation, risk and compliance aspects. He holds a master's degree from Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Joint Program in Electrical Engineering & Business Administration.



Ali Rod Khadem

Ali Rod advises web3/blockchain startups and funds on strategy, partnerships, fundraising, deal-sourcing, and legal/compliance. He works across sectors, including defi, gaming, municipal and industrial metaverse, and tokenization of real-world assets. Outside of his advisory roles, he is a professor and published author, and has 20+ years of experience as a lawyer and investment banker. He held senior roles at Macquarie Capital and Westport Innovations, and began his career at Idealab, DLA Piper, and Linklaters. He holds a Ph.D. from Harvard University and a J.D. from UC Berkeley. He's lived in eight countries and four continents, and has working knowledge of Mandarin Chinese, Arabic, Farsi, and French. He's been responsible for project portfolios in multiple sectors across North America, the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and Australia. Much of his experience has involved international strategy and contract negotiations, especially in scenarios involving cultural or political sensitivities.



Stephen Moskowitz

Stephen Moskowitz is the founder and CEO of Pyxis Search Partners, a domain specialist recruiting agency that focuses on both technical and non-technical search for high-growth emerging technology companies. Prior to founding Pyxis Search, Mr. Moskowitz was the co-founder and chief operating officer of Pyxis Capital Management, a cryptoasset venture hybrid fund backed by prominent investors, including ParaFi Capital. Prior to co-founding Pyxis Capital, Mr. Moskowitz was a managing director at a \$100 million AUM+ single family office that was an early investor in the crypto space. Mr. Moskowitz has also served as an Advisor for ParaFi Capital and is currently an advisor to Blockchain Founders Fund. Mr. Moskowitz received a B.A. and J.D. from Emory University (Boisfeuillet Jones Scholar), and an M.B.A. in finance from The New York University Leonard N. Stern School of Business.



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Abradat has acted on and structured numerous complex structured financing transactions and market leading financings for global financial institutions, including Merrill Lynch, J.P. Morgan, Fortress, Deutsche Bank, Credit Suisse, Nomura, and Goldman Sachs.

Abradat has written extensively on fintech-related legal matters, including articles on cryptocurrencies and digital assets for the Talking Legal section of *CityAM* (a leading London financial newspaper). Abradat was also the founder and architect of a fintech accelerator program for another international law firm in London.

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

Who's Who Legal Thought Leaders: Fintech & Blockchain (2021–2024)

Winner of Best FinTech lawyer and law firm: London FinTech & Sukuk Summit

Best Lawyers: recognized for banking and finance law (2017–2024)

EDUCATION

University of Cambridge (Executive Education Program in Corporate Governance 2013); Monash University (LL.B. Hons. 1997); RMIT University (B.A.S. in Construction Management Hons. 1994)

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Dean's practice includes designing, negotiating, and drafting equity-based compensation plans (including stock option, restricted stock, and phantom equity arrangements); cash bonus plans; employment, consulting, termination, severance, and change-in-control contracts; and restrictive covenant agreements, including noncompetition, non-solicitation, and confidentiality arrangements.

Dean also advises clients on the structure, implementation, and administration of nonqualified employee compensation plans, programs, and arrangements, including the associated ERISA, federal tax, and securities implications. He also provides counsel to management teams and boards of directors on executive compensation and change-in-control arrangements in connection with corporate transactions and reorganizations and consults with shareholders, senior executives, and boards of directors on transactional strategies.

Dean has represented major private equity funds and publicly traded companies in hundreds of acquisitions and dispositions, focusing on benefit and compensation issues that arise in such transactions, as well as the design and maintenance of incentive programs and facilitating management turnover.

EDUCATION

The University of Chicago (J.D. 2004); Western Illinois University (M.A. in Cello Performance & Pedagogy 1997); University of Iowa (B.A. in Mathematics 1995; B.M. in Cello Performance with high distinction and honors in Music 1995)

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Prior to joining Jones Day in 2022, Jennifer obtained successful outcomes for clients in many cases, including a six-patent case pertaining to optical networking involving wavelength selective switches (WSS) and reconfigurable optical add-drop multiplexer (ROADM) line cards; a multinational consumer electronics company in a patent infringement case involving sophisticated controllers used in video game consoles and equipment for managing motion detection and control systems; patent infringement litigation involving a plant patent on a table grape variety; trade secret litigation involving insurance claim adjudication; patent infringement litigation between competitor medical device companies involving minimally invasive biopsy products; and patent infringement litigation involving information encryption technology.

Jennifer has written and spoken extensively on patent infringement-related topics.

EDUCATION

Santa Clara University (J.D. 2004);
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Prior to joining Jones Day, Amie was a Senior Tax Counsel at General Electric. Prior to joining GE, she served in the Office Associate Chief Counsel (Corporate), where she worked on published guidance, controversy matters, private letter rulings, and tax policy matters concerning corporate and international tax transactions and issues.

Amie is a member of the ABA Sections of International Law and Tax (Corporate [officer] and Foreign Activities of U.S. Taxpayers [FAUST] [chair] Committees), International Fiscal Association (IFA), Women in IFA Network, and Tax Coalition. She is a frequent speaker at the ABA, IFA, GW/IRS Conference, DC Bar, Federal Bar, International Tax Institute, and TEI on a multitude of transaction topics including cross-border 304 transactions, PTEP, BEAT (base erosion and anti-abuse tax), M&A, and digital currency.

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

International Fiscal Association (IFA),
Women in IFA Network (WIN), D.C.
Region Co-Leader

ABA Tax Section — Foreign Activities
of US Taxpayers: Chair (2021 to present)
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PepsiCo Chairman's Award — 2005

EDUCATION

American University (Certificate of Legal
Studies in Anti-Corruption Law 2018);
Brooklyn Law School (J.D. 1998); Syracuse
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BAR ADMISSIONS

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Nathan Brownback's practice focuses on the regulation of domestic and foreign banks, with particular emphasis on regulations under the Dodd-Frank Act, including the Volcker Rule. He also advises on bank holding company regulations, bank affiliate transactions, merchant banking rules, state commercial lending and money transmitter licensing issues, and other legal issues relating to fintech and cryptocurrency firms.

Nathan has extensive experience advising on bank regulatory and investment activities involving the Bank Holding Company Act, Federal Deposit Insurance Act, and Federal Reserve Act and their implementing regulations as well as other federal and state banking and financial services laws, including those relating to brokered deposits and issues relating to digital assets firms. He also has advised clients on bank CD and credit union share certificate programs, federal funding received under COVID relief programs administered by the Treasury Department such as the CARES Act and the American Rescue Plan Act, as well as laws and compliance pertaining to the Commodity Exchange Act, Bank Secrecy Act, and the Investment Advisers Act.

Prior to receiving his law degree, Nathan was an economic research analyst, first in the private sector and subsequently for a regional Federal Reserve Bank.

Nathan has spoken on the Volcker Rule, international banks in the United States, and brokered deposits issues. He has written frequently on these topics and on issues relating to fintech, blockchain, and cryptoassets.

EDUCATION

Columbia University (J.D. 2012; Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar); American University (B.S. in Economics magna cum laude 2003; Phi Beta Kappa)

BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia and New York

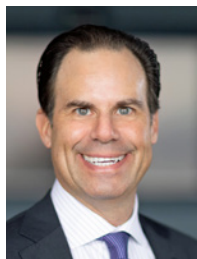
CLERKSHIPS

Law Clerk to Judge Richard T. Morrison, U.S. Tax Court (2012–2014)

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Research Analyst, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia (2006–2009)

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Tim Curry has represented start-up, emerging growth, and public technology companies in public offerings, venture capital (VC) and growth equity financings, and mergers and acquisitions for more than 25 years. He also represents leading VC firms in growth equity financings, as well as investment banks in public equity offerings. He regularly advises boards of directors and executive teams in complex corporate governance and public reporting matters.

Tim represents a broad range of technology companies at all growth stages, including Five9 (Nasdaq), a leading provider of cloud-based contact center solutions; Minted, a crowd-sourced design company; OneStream Software, a leading provider of corporate performance management software and KKR portfolio company; Pattern, a leading e-commerce accelerator; Monolithic Power Systems (Nasdaq), a leading provider of power management solutions; Hims&Hers (Nasdaq), a leading health and wellness company; and Synopsys (Nasdaq), a leading electronic design software company. He also represents VC funds, growth equity funds, strategic investors, and investment banks, including GreatPoint Ventures, Raine Group, KKR, and Canaccord Genuity.

Tim is chair of the board of directors of Special Olympics, Northern California and Nevada and has served on the board for more than seven years. He has spoken at business and legal conferences on initial public offerings (IPOs), venture capital, and corporate governance and has been quoted in *The Wall Street Journal* and other publications regarding IPOs and Silicon Valley.

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

The Best Lawyers in America (2016–2022)

Northern California Super Lawyers
(2012–2013) Recommended by
The Legal 500 United States

(2011–2014, 2016, and 2020)

Chair of Board, and Member of Executive
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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles
(J.D. 1990); University of California,
Berkeley (B.A. in Political Economy
with honors 1987)

BAR ADMISSIONS

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GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Securities and Exchange Commission,
one of only two UCLA law students
chosen for SEC externship program
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Rich DeNatale is one of the nation's leading lawyers in the field of cyber insurance. He has been retained to handle insurance claims for more than 100 cyberattacks and data breach incidents, including some of the largest in history. In the last two years, he has successfully obtained cyber insurance recoveries for more than two dozen clients including major financial institutions, technology companies, and health care providers.

Rich's experience includes all aspects of cyber insurance. He is frequently engaged by *Fortune* 500 clients to advise on insurance coverage in the wake of cyberattacks. He works with clients during the renewal process to assess and strengthen their coverage for cyber risk. Rich has also served as lead counsel for policyholders in precedent-setting coverage cases on data privacy claims.

Additionally, Rich has 25+ years of experience handling a wide range of insurance claims, coverage disputes, and arbitrations (including London arbitrations) for corporate policyholders in the technology, retail, energy, health care, manufacturing, and financial sectors. He is a veteran trial lawyer who has tried more than 15 cases and won jury verdicts on coverage and bad faith claims.

Chambers has included Rich in its rankings of the nation's top insurance coverage lawyers for the past 12 years. He has testified as an expert witness on California insurance law and frequently writes and lectures on data breach, cyber, and other insurance issues. Rich has authored the chapter on cyber insurance for the first three editions of *The Cyber Investigations Guide* published by *Global Investigations Review (GIR)*.

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

Recognized by *Chambers USA* as one of the nation's leading insurance lawyers, where he is described as "exceptionally bright, very detail oriented, and great at strategy"

EDUCATION

Harvard University (J.D. 1985; A.B. 1981)

BAR ADMISSIONS

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Lori Hellkamp provides creative solutions to complex tax issues by taking a practical approach to problem solving. Her practice spans a broad range of areas, including corporate and international tax, M&A, and tax controversy. Lori's practice has a particular emphasis on international tax planning, counseling, and compliance as well as tax-efficient structuring for cross-border transactions and investments. Lori has extensive experience helping clients address issues arising from foreign (inbound) investments into the United States and in the fintech sector. She also regularly advises clients on tax and structuring issues related to cryptocurrencies, NFTs (non-fungible tokens), and other digital assets.

Lori has counseled public and private companies facing a wide variety of multijurisdictional tax issues, both internally and before the Internal Revenue Service. She has helped clients obtain favorable private letter rulings and advance pricing agreements, resolve disputes at Appeals and in Competent Authority proceedings, and navigate complex tax treaty, transfer pricing, withholding, FIRPTA (Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act), anti-boycott, and international tax reform issues.

Lori is a board member of the George Washington University-IRS International Annual Tax Institute, an adjunct professor of international taxation at American University, and the former chair of the ABA Tax Section's Committee on U.S. Activities of Foreigners & Tax Treaties (USAFTT). She frequently speaks and publishes articles on various international and corporate tax topics. Lori also is a member of the ABA's task force on cryptocurrency, a coauthor of the book *Blockchain for Business Lawyers*, and the hiring partner for the Washington Office of Jones Day.

EDUCATION

Georgetown University (LL.M. in Taxation 2011); Duke University (J.D. 2008); University of Oxford (M.Phil.

2005); Rice University (B.A. magna cum laude 2002)

BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia, New York, and U.S. Tax Court

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Legal Externship, Overseas Private Investment Corporation (2008)

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Kelsey Israel-Trummel has more than a decade of experience representing employers in labor and employment matters, including wage and hour, discrimination, and wrongful termination cases. She has developed particular experience in complex wage and hour class actions and representative lawsuits filed under California's Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) statute. She regularly practices in state and federal courts at both the trial court and appellate levels. She also represents clients in agency proceedings, including before the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). In addition, Kelsey counsels corporate employers on a variety of employment issues, including wage and hour policies, employee handbooks, investigations, and best uses of workplace technologies.

Kelsey's experience includes successful dispositive motions at the pleading and summary judgment phases, a track record of avoiding or significantly limiting the scope of class claims, and appellate wins. She was a key team member in one of the first PAGA cases to go trial in California. Recent engagements include: winning a published decision from the California Court of Appeal on novel regular rate issues; obtaining dismissal of a statewide PAGA claim alleging work-from-home expenses related to COVID; securing judgment in an alleged joint-employer's favor in a wage and hour class and PAGA action; securing and enforcing an arbitration award forcing a union to withdraw a statewide ballot initiative limiting hospital executive compensation; and representing several hospitals in challenges to union-backed municipal initiatives seeking to cap the compensation health care providers may receive from insurers.

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

Named as a *Legal 500* "Rising Star" in 2019 and 2020

Named a *Law360* "Rising Star" in 2023

EDUCATION

Harvard University (J.D. cum laude 2011); Rice University (B.A. magna cum laude 2007)

BAR ADMISSIONS

California

CLERKSHIPS

Law Clerk to: Judge Michael Chagares, U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit (2012–2013) and Judge William B. Shubb, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California (2011–2012)

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Carl Kukkonen is a respected leader in the legal field who has been acknowledged three times as one of the *IAM Strategy 300: World's Leading IP Strategists*. With more than 25 years of experience, he has been pivotal in assisting clients in developing strong, litigation-ready patent portfolios, effectively reduce risks through invalidity and freedom-to-operate analyses, and adeptly plan and execute litigation strategies, including petitions for *inter partes* reviews (IPRs).

Moreover, Carl conducts due diligence for financing and M&A transactions, offers valuable support in IP partnering agreements, and provides guidance on copyright and brand protection matters especially with regard to artificial intelligence (AI) technologies.

As a member of the Firm's AI team, Carl's proficiency spans high-technology, life sciences, and energy sectors. His high-tech experience encompasses AI technologies such as machine learning, natural language processing (NLP) with large language models, and computer vision. Carl has further assisted clients with computer architectures, cybersecurity, robotics, enterprise software, cloud computing, blockchains, telecommunications, IoT (Internet of Things), semiconductors, nanotechnology, optical devices, virtual/augmented reality, and signal/image processing.

In life sciences, Carl has handled cases related to *in silico* drug discovery, computational biology, digital health, wireless health care, medication delivery, patient monitoring, respiratory equipment, incubators, infusion pumps, physiological sensors, ophthalmic technologies, and orthopedic devices.

Carl's experience in energy technology includes battery and other energy storage technologies, electrical control systems, fuel cells, utility-scale energy distribution, energy efficiency technologies, water and wind turbines, process and atmospheric sensors, solar panels and control systems, and water purification systems.

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

IAM Strategy 300: World's Leading IP Strategists (2022–2024)

IAM Strategy 300 Global Leaders (2024)

The Best Lawyers in America: patent law, copyright law, and intellectual property litigation (2018–2025)

Southern California Super Lawyers (2015–2021), including named among the Top 50 Attorneys in San Diego four times

Twice named among Top 25 Portfolio Managers/Patent Prosecutors in California, *Daily Journal*

Named Top Attorney eight times by the *San Diego Daily Transcript*

EDUCATION

The George Washington University (J.D. with honors 1998); Harvey Mudd College (B.S. in Engineering 1995)

BAR ADMISSIONS

California and registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

CLERKSHIPS

Legal extern to Judge Randall R. Rader, U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit (Fall 1997)

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Legal extern to Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr., U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary (Fall 1996)

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Ka-on Li is the co-leader of Jones Day's IP Transactions team. She works closely with clients to successfully structure and execute IP, technology, and commercial transactions to achieve high-stakes business objectives. She is an experienced IP and technology lawyer whose practice focuses on transactions for clients active in the technology, life sciences, data, food and beverage, retail, consulting, financial, fashion, consumer, telecommunications, media, and entertainment fields. Ka-on drafts and negotiates contracts involving collaborations, outsourcing, IP development, licensing and commercialization, manufacturing and distribution transactions, software and cloud-related matters, and infrastructure projects. She also advises clients on IP compliance issues, including those arising from the use of open source, AI (artificial intelligence), and big data.

Ka-on has solid experience in assisting emerging and established businesses in U.S. and overseas markets. She has represented software and life science companies at all stages, from formation to exit. She has drafted and negotiated some of the most significant collaborations and strategic agreements and alliances between industry entrepreneurs, service providers, acquirers, and investors. Much of her experience involves working on deals involving the commercialization of products driven by the convergence of multiple technologies, such as digital health, fintech, and AI-driven platforms.

She has acted for clients on a full range of M&A, private equity, and financing transactions involving domestic and foreign IP and technology assets on the buy-side and the sell-side.

Ka-on's deep and diverse experience, including her secondment at Australia's largest telecommunications provider, enables her to bring a pragmatic, business-oriented and collaborative approach to her work and negotiations.

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

Named in "Top Women Lawyers in California" list, *Daily Journal* (2020)

"Top 40 under 40" honoree, *Daily Journal* (2020)

Named in "Women of Influence" list, *Silicon Valley Business Journal* (2020)

"Rising Star" in technology, *Law360* (2019)

"40 under 40" honoree, *Silicon Valley Business Journal* (2019)

EDUCATION

University of Sydney (LL.B. Hons. 2006; B.A. in Modern History and Sociology 2004); University of California, Los Angeles (Exchange program/study abroad, 2003–2004; Dean's Honors List)

LANGUAGES

English (native) and fluent in spoken Cantonese

BAR ADMISSIONS

California

CLERKSHIPS

Law Clerk to the Honorable Justice George Alfred Palmer, Equity Division, Supreme Court of New South Wales (2006–2008)



JONES DAY'S SPEAKERS



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Jerry Ling has extensive experience advising multinationals on issues relating to cybersecurity resilience, data privacy, and data breach incident response. Jerry has directed forensic investigations into breach and ransomware events and has advised management and boards of directors of public companies on strategies for notice, disclosure, and incident response.

Jerry was previously based in Shanghai for 10 years and regularly handles complex cross-border disputes and internal investigations in the United States and Asia. Jerry has earned multiple distinctions for his work leading high-stakes investigations into the most significant forms of alleged corporate misconduct, ranging from cybersecurity fraud and misrepresentations to violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). Notably, he has recently assisted public companies in obtaining declinations from U.S. government authorities after self-disclosing alleged FCPA, False Claims Act (FCA), and other compliance violations.

Jerry also leads risk assessments and compliance training and counsels clients with respect to their compliance programs and conducting compliance-focused due diligence for global acquisitions. This includes advising on compliance with Chinese laws, including China's state secrets, data security, and data privacy laws.

Jerry provides pro bono services to asylum applicants escaping violence in Central America and to domestic abuse victims in the Bay Area.

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific — top-tier recommendation: China: dispute resolution

Chambers Asia-Pacific — recognized in the area of corporate investigation, where he attracts plaudits from numerous sources, with one revealing that “he’s thorough, he’s practical, he’s a very good investigator, and he’s client-centric,” while another simply says, “I think he’s fantastic”

EDUCATION

Harvard University (J.D. magna cum laude 2003); Dartmouth College (A.B. in Biology magna cum laude 2000)

LANGUAGES

Mandarin

BAR ADMISSIONS

California; Hawaii; U.S. District Courts for the Central, Eastern, Northern, and Southern Districts of California and District of Hawaii; and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

CLERKSHIPS

Law Clerk to the Honorable Richard R. Clifton, United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit (2003–2004)

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Joe Melnik's practice is focused on intellectual property (IP) and technology commercialization and the drafting and negotiation of strategic commercial contracts. Joe counsels clients that range from multinational enterprises to cutting-edge start-ups in industries including cloud computing, semiconductors, artificial intelligence and machine learning, fintech, energy, education, security, and autonomous vehicles. He also has extensive experience counseling clients on data commercialization strategies and drafting and negotiating data-related agreements in the education, health care, and financial services industries.

Joe regularly assists clients in structuring and negotiating license agreements, joint ventures, joint development agreements, strategic alliances, services, supply, and various other agreements for domestic and global projects. He also counsels on significant IP and commercial issues in M&A transactions, carve-outs, spin-offs, and other strategic transactions.

EDUCATION

Case Western Reserve University (J.D. 1994); The Ohio State University (B.S. in Mathematics summa cum laude 1991)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Ohio, Pennsylvania, California, and registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

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Laura Pruitt's breadth of experience, including more than six years of service with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), gives her an in-depth perspective into financial regulatory law. She counsels on securities law and market regulation issues, with particular emphasis on broker-dealer registration and compliance, alternative trading systems (ATSs) and equity trading, derivatives, investment adviser regulation, and transfer agents, data privacy, and anti-money laundering rules.

Laura regularly helps clients determine if they should be registered as broker-dealers and assists in registering broker-dealers with the SEC, self-regulatory organizations (SROs), and the Financial Institution Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and with obtaining approvals for changes of control and changes to business operations. She advises on compliance with Regulations NMS, SHO, and S-P, as well as SRO trading rules; advises on M&A transactions involving regulated entities; represents ATSs with required filings and issues arising under Regulation ATS; and counsels investment advisers and transfer agents on regulatory issues. She also represents clients in connection with regulatory examinations and enforcement actions.

During her tenure at the SEC, Laura worked on numerous rulemaking initiatives and interpretations, including those concerning electronic delivery of required disclosure documents, ATSs, the penny stock rules, options disclosure documents, Exchange Act Rule 14a-8, OTC derivatives dealers, rules implementing the provisions of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, soft dollars under Exchange Act Section 28(e), and finders-related issues.

At the start of her career as a litigator in New York, Laura represented financial firms in securities class actions and hostile takeovers and represented clients in antitrust matters, among others.

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

Recognized as a top practitioner in *Chambers USA* since 2010 for financial services regulation: broker dealer (compliance) — nationwide category *The Best Lawyers in America* — securities/capital markets law (2018) alternative trading systems (ATSs) and equity trading, derivatives, investment adviser regulation, and transfer agents, data privacy, and anti-money laundering rules.

EDUCATION

Columbia University (J.D. 1987); Harvard University (A.B. 1984)

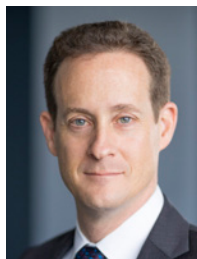
BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia and New York

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Served with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in the following positions: Special Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Division of Market Regulation (now the Division of Trading & Markets) (1998–2001) and Senior Counsel, Office of General Counsel (1994–1997)

JONES DAY'S SPEAKERS



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- Investigations & White Collar Defense
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Jeff Rabkin assists businesses around the world with government and internal investigations, regulatory proceedings, and private disputes. He also advises in-house counsel, corporate executives, and independent directors on issues relating to the intersection of law and technology, including generative AI (artificial intelligence), cybersecurity resilience and response, as well as digital commerce.

Jeff joined Jones Day in 2015 from the Office of the California Attorney General, where he was a member of Kamala D. Harris' leadership team. In that role, he was responsible for oversight of the California DOJ's cybercrime and privacy enforcement units and the development of new technology for law enforcement throughout California. Before joining the California DOJ, Jeff was a vice president at a cybersecurity consulting firm. He also served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for eight years in New York and San Francisco, where he represented the United States in hundreds of federal criminal matters, led numerous high-profile, sensitive investigations and prosecutions involving corporate fraud, public corruption, and other types of white collar crime. He also was a Deputy City Attorney for San Francisco. Jeff has tried more than 25 cases to verdict in federal and state courts.

Jeff is a founding member of Jones Day's Jewish Cultural Affinity Group. He also co-manages the Firm's DVRO (domestic violence restraining order) Trial Program, which represents on a pro bono basis survivors of domestic violence who seek long-term restraining orders against their abusers.

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

Chair, Cybersecurity Committee, Cybersecurity and Privacy Section, Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) (2015–2019)

Appointed by Judge Shira Scheindlin in 2004 as Special Master in class action lawsuits relating to technology IPOs

Santa Clara University High Technology Law Journal Award for Excellence in Public Policy

Member, International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP)

EDUCATION

Columbia University (J.D. 1996); Harvard University (B.A. cum laude 1991)

BAR ADMISSIONS

California, U.S. District Courts for the Northern District of California and District of Arizona, United States Supreme Court, and U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second and Ninth Circuits

CLERKSHIPS

Law Clerk to Judge Shira A. Scheindlin, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York (1996–1997)

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Special Assistant Attorney General for Law and Technology, Office of the Attorney General, California Department of Justice (2013–2015); Assistant United States Attorney, Brooklyn, New York and San Francisco, California (2004–2011); Deputy City Attorney, San Francisco City Attorney's Office (2000–2004)

JONES DAY'S SPEAKERS



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Mark Rasmussen is a trial lawyer and regulatory counselor with nearly 20 years of experience representing clients in complex litigation and regulatory matters.

Mark advises clients on governance and shareholder issues, bankruptcy litigation, securities and consumer class actions, derivative investigations, fiduciary duty claims, merger disputes, trade secrets litigation, and contract disputes. Mark also has substantial experience with internal investigations and regulatory investigations involving the SEC (Securities and Exchange Commission), CFTC (Commodity Futures Trading Commission), DOJ (Department of Justice), and state securities regulators (including the Texas State Securities Board).

Since 2016, Mark has advised clients on digital assets, blockchain technology, and fintech matters, including token issuances, securities regulations, money transmitter and virtual currency regulations, and disputes. In 2018, he was appointed by Chief Judge Barbara Lynn, of the Northern District of Texas, to be the first-ever receiver in a Securities and Exchange Commission enforcement action involving an ICO (initial coin offering) promoter. In addition, Mark is coeditor and coauthor of the book *Blockchain for Business Lawyers* and is a frequent speaker on legal issues related to blockchain technology.

Mark is committed to pro bono service. Some of his matters include obtaining asylum for a monk and green cards for abused women under the Violence Against Women Act. He also assists victims of human trafficking to expunge their criminal records. And he has represented an Hasidic Jewish inmate and members of a Native American church in religious liberty lawsuits against government entities under the First Amendment.

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

Recognized by *The National Law Journal* as a Trailblazer in the Cryptocurrency, Blockchain, and FinTech field (2018; 2022)

Named a "Rising Star" (2016) by the editors of *Texas Super Lawyers Magazine*

EDUCATION

Columbia University (J.D. 2005; Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar; Articles Editor, *Journal of Transnational Law*); Brigham Young University (B.A. magna cum laude 2001)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas; New York; U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Northern, Western, and Southern Districts of Texas and Eastern and Southern Districts of New York; and

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third, Fifth, and Eleventh Circuits

JONES DAY'S SPEAKERS



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Cameron Reese is an experienced corporate lawyer with a practice focused on mergers and acquisitions and venture capital transactions. Cameron regularly represents private equity funds, emerging companies, venture capital firms, institutional investors, and corporate acquirors in structuring and negotiating a wide range of domestic and cross-border transactions.

Cameron also represents private equity funds in connection with acquisitions and divestitures and provides counsel for many of their portfolio companies. He has experience with leveraged buyout transactions, minority investments and spin-out transactions, and has led transactions on behalf of private equity funds in a number of industry sectors, including health care, life sciences, and technology. The private equity funds with which Cameron has worked include The Riverside Company, Resilience Capital Partners, and Morgenthaler Partners.

Additionally, Cameron has an active emerging companies practice representing both technology and life science companies throughout their entire life cycle, including providing counsel and advise with respect to corporate formation, preferred stock and convertible note financing transactions, corporate governance, strategic relationships, equity incentive arrangements, and mergers and acquisitions. He also advises a number of venture capital and strategic corporate investors in connection with preferred stock financing and joint venture transactions.

EDUCATION

Brigham Young University (J.D. cum laude 2004; Note and Comment Editor, Law Review; B.A. in Economics 2001)

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Schuyler Schouten advises clients on high-stakes regulatory matters, with a focus on international trade, national security, and emerging and strategic technologies. He has helped some of the world's largest institutions navigate government inquiries, international crises, and regulatory reviews and, where warranted, push back against government overreach. A former White House sanctions lawyer, "indispensable and indefatigable" top aide to Henry Kissinger, and contributor to best-selling books on China and artificial intelligence (AI), Schuyler is a trusted guide for clients navigating today's turbulent and complex legal and geopolitical landscape.

Schuyler has extensive experience with the laws, regulations, and "emergency" authorities affecting international transactions and supply chains. As Senior Associate Counsel to the President and Deputy Legal Advisor to the National Security Council (NSC), he provided Presidential- and Cabinet-level advice on sanctions, foreign investment, Defense Production Act, treaty law, and energy regulatory issues and was the White House's legal coordinator with the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) and Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) during transformative growth in their legal authorities and policy roles.

At Jones Day, Schuyler has helped obtain key regulatory approvals for some of the first and most prominent exits of Western companies from Russia; successfully represented critical infrastructure providers in emergency negotiations over COVID orders; and helped resolve, without penalty, inquiries and disclosures involving Congressional committees, OFAC, the Commerce Department, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. He supports clients in the software, semiconductor, biotech, pharmaceutical, food, real estate, energy, aerospace, private equity, venture capital, banking, and fintech industries.

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

Life Member, Council on Foreign Relations

The Legal 500 United States, recommended lawyer in media, technology, and telecoms: regulatory (2023)

Participant (by invitation), UC San Diego Forum on U.S.-China Relations

Contributor with Henry Kissinger, Eric Schmidt, and Daniel Huttenlocher to *The Age of AI: And Our Human Future*; collaborated with Kissinger on *On China and World Order*

EDUCATION

Harvard University (J.D. 2007; Finalist and "Best Brief," Ames Moot Court Competition); Yale University (B.A. in History magna cum laude 2003; Phi Beta Kappa); Middlebury College Language School (Mandarin Chinese immersion program, Summer 2001)

LANGUAGES

Chinese

BAR ADMISSIONS

California, District of Columbia, and New York

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Deputy Legal Advisor, National Security Council (2018–2019) and Special Assistant to the President and Senior Associate Counsel to the President, White House Counsel's Office (2017–2019)

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As a practitioner with an M.B.A., and an active participant in the San Diego and Silicon Valley communities, Taylor Stevens has a strong understanding of the legal issues facing high-growth companies and their acquirors. Taylor has advised clients for more than 25 years in the areas of venture capital transactions, M&A, and capital markets transactions. His practice is focused on the representation of emerging growth and established technology and life sciences companies. He has extensive experience in the full life cycle of the company, from formation through financing and exit transactions.

Taylor has represented clients in a significant number of public and private company mergers and acquisitions. His experience includes auction sales, divestitures, carve-outs, roll-ups, and cross-border transactions. Taylor also regularly counsels emerging growth companies on a broad range of venture capital and debt financing transactions and has been recommended as a leading lawyer by *Best Lawyers in America* and *The Legal 500 United States* for his corporate and venture capital practice. He additionally represents venture capital firms and strategic corporate investors in connection with their investments in early stage and emerging growth companies.

Taylor is a member of the Springboard Committee and has previously served on the Executive Committee and the board of directors of CONNECT, a globally recognized trade organization fostering the creation of innovative technology and life sciences products in the San Diego region. Taylor also frequently presents on venture capital and corporate law topics on podcasts and at events, including Plug and Play, Goldman Sachs Legal Conference, FinAccelerate, Digital Assets Week, and Koch Disruptive Technology Venture Capital Investment Seminar.

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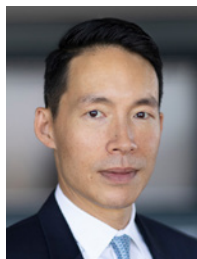
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John has been a panelist on a range of securities litigation and enforcement topics. John is also an adjunct professor at University of California, College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly UC Hastings) where he teaches securities litigation, and he served on the editorial advisory board of *Law360 Securities* from 2014 through 2023. In addition to his legal practice, John has served as audit committee chair of The Yale-China Association, a nonprofit organization founded in 1901 and committed to bridging American and Chinese cultures through partnerships in education, health, and the arts. John was formerly the hiring partner in Jones Day's San Francisco Office.

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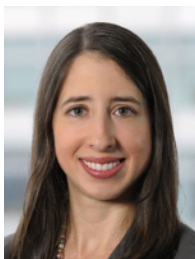
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Kerianne handles internal investigations and complex commercial litigation, including breach of contract, tort, and fraud disputes and claims arising under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA). She has represented clients across industries, including financial services, technology, consumer reporting, biotechnology, health care, and retail. Her litigation experience includes discovery, depositions, motion practice, witness preparation, and trial preparation.

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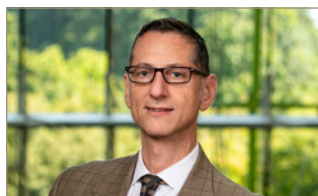
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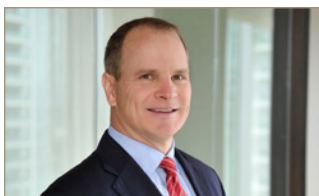
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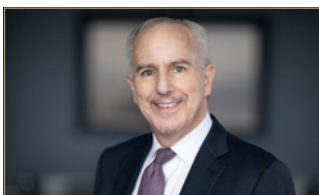
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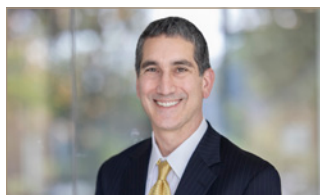
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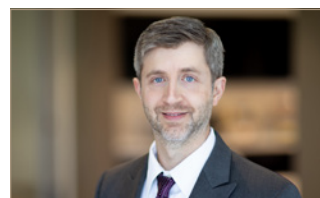
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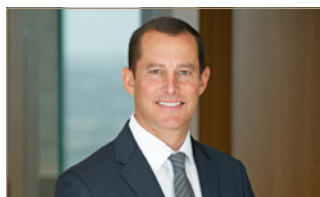
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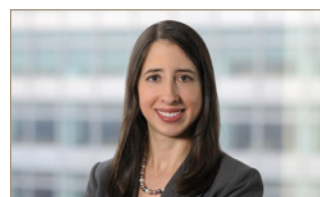
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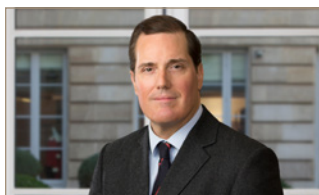
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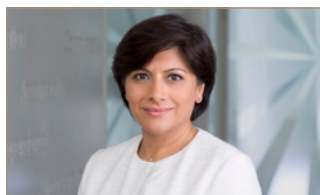
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