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Sale Kwon works with high-growth emerging companies, startup founders and venture capital investors in many different industries, advising them on company formations, venture financings, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and other strategic, commercial and general corporate matters over the full life cycle of his clients.

Sale was recognized as a Next Generation Partner in Venture Capital and Emerging Companies by the Legal 500 from 2021 through 2023. Sale speaks frequently on various topics relating to startups and venture capital at Stanford Graduate School of Business, Stanford Law School and California Western School of Law and served as a member of the investment committee of the Stanford Angels & Entrepreneurs United (SA&E).

Fluent in Korean, Sale is also actively involved in various South Korean organizations in the startup/venture ecosystem, including K Innovation Center Silicon Valley (KICSV), Korea Development Bank (KDB), Korea International Trade Association (KITA), Korea Investment Corporation (KIC), Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA) and Korea Venture Investment Corporation (KVIC).

Sale's current and former representations include:

- AIM Intelligent Machines
- Allo
- ANAFLASH
- Andreessen Horowitz
- Ark Diagnostics
- Armored Fresh
- Auditoria.AI
- Bandera Capital
- Banyan Infrastructure
- BHPS (Tech Beauty)
- Breakthrough Victoria

- Bridge Capital
- Build Block
- CapitalG
- Centaurus Therapeutics
- Cience Technologies
- ClearFlame Engines
- Crossmint
- Crowdbotics
- CTK US Holdings
- Deepcell
- Doosan Corporation
- Dunamu
- Earlybird
- EOFlow
- Essential Products
- EverCharge
- EXO Freight
- Flow (FTS Tech)
- Gaya Technologies
- General Catalyst
- Genomictree
- Genvax Technologies
- GS Futures
- Hanwha Asset Management
- Hanwha Corporation
- Hazelcast
- Helpware
- Higgsfield AI
- House Foods
- HOYA Corporation
- Hyundai Mobis
- ImaliPay
- ION Pacific
- Jetson
- K2G Fund
- KB Investment
- Keyssa

- Kinetica
- Kodra Technologies
- Korea Investment Corporation
- Korea Investment Partners
- LevitasBio
- LFX Venture Partners
- LG Technology Ventures
- LG Nova
- Lightspeed Venture Partners
- Macerich
- Macuject
- Mando Corporation
- Mattermost
- Maverick Ventures
- MedPacto
- Mimchik
- Mitsubishi Corporation
- Neosapience (Typecast)
- Noom
- Northern Light Venture Capital
- NVIDIA Corporation
- Openedges Technology
- Palerra
- Passkey
- Pathwater
- PNOE (Endo Medical)
- Proxima Enterprises
- Qlay Technologies
- Quanergy Systems
- Rapt Therapeutics
- RegCell
- Samsung Securities
- Samsung Venture Investment Corporation
- Sandlot Partners
- Shinhan Investment
- SK E&S
- SK Hynix

- Soulbrain
- Spotlight Therapeutics
- SVEXA
- TEECOM
- Thai Oil
- ThorDrive
- Vanilla Technologies
- Waiker
- Wemade Entertainment
- Wheeler Bio
- Woori Venture Partners
- Yum! Brands
- Zebrium
- Zoom Video Communications

Sale served as a captain in the Republic of Korea Army Judge Advocate's General Corps and represented South Korea in various defense procurement deals.

While in law school, he completed an externship with US District Judge Vaughn R. Walker of the Northern District of California.

Education

Stanford Law School
JD, 2008

Stanford University
MA, 2005

Stanford University
BA, 2004

Admissions & Credentials

California

Rankings & Accolades

The Legal 500 US: Next Gen Partner for Venture Capital and Emerging Companies (2021–2023)

Memberships & Affiliations

American Bar Association