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John is vice chair of Cooley's global business department. His practice focuses on the representation of domestic and international investment funds – including venture capital, private equity, fund of funds, secondary funds, and special opportunity funds in connection with their formation, operation and investment activities. He has represented sponsor organizations in the formation of more than 125 fund programs, ranging from some of the most well-known, multibillion-dollar investment firms to much smaller firms forming seed and early-stage venture capital, angel, and similar microcap funds. In addition to his fund formation practice, John also represents a number of emerging growth companies in financing transactions and general corporate matters.

John received a joint JD/MBA degree from the University of California, Davis, in 2005. In law school, he served as the editor-in-chief of the UC Davis Business Law Journal and a member of the Moot Court Board. While at business school, John concentrated on finance and was elected to the Beta Gamma Sigma honor society. He earned his BA, magna cum laude, in business administration from the University of Washington in 2001.

John is a member of the State Bar of California.

## Education

University of California at Davis King Hall School of Law  
JD, 2005

University of California, Davis  
MBA, 2005

University of Washington  
BA, 2001

## Admissions & Credentials

California

## Rankings & Accolades

Chambers USA: Venture Capital: Fund Formation – Nationwide (2020 – 2023)

Chambers USA: Venture Capital: Fund Formation – California (2020 – 2023)

The Legal 500: Investment Fund Formation and Management – Private Equity Funds (including Venture Capital) (2020-2022)