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Venture Capital

Dave works with public and private technology companies through all stages of their growth, from startup through public offerings and beyond. He was one of the lead partners on the teams that represented Google, Square and Tesla on their initial public offerings. His clients also include venture capital firms and investment banks.

Dave focuses on corporate and securities law, including general corporate representation, venture capital financings, public offerings and M&A. In addition, he has extensive experience counseling public companies on governance, defensive measures, disclosure matters and other complex securities law issues.

Before joining Cooley, Dave was a partner at a US-based international law firm.

Dave was also an investment banker with Lehman Brothers, working out of its San Francisco office to service technology companies on financings, M&A transactions and other engagements.

Dave's representative transactions include:

- Advising issuers in 75+ public offerings, including Google, Square, Tesla and Asana's direct listing
- Representing Google in 100+ acquisitions, including its \$3.1 billion acquisition of DoubleClick, its \$3.2 billion acquisition of Nest Labs, and its acquisition of the Android mobile phone OS
- Advising Google in its strategic investments, including \$1 billion in AOL and \$500 million in Clearwire Communications
- Representing Riverbed Technology in its \$3.6 billion going private transaction with a syndicate led by Thoma Bravo
- Advising Total Gas & Power in its \$1.4 billion control acquisition of SunPower Corporation and related \$1 billion credit support
- Representing Infoseek in its tracking stock-based sale to The Walt Disney Company
- Advising MIPS Computer Systems in its merger with Silicon Graphics
- Representing Sun Microsystems in 25+ acquisitions
- Advising Documentum in its merger with EMC

Select publications:

- Co-author, "Chapter 32A: The Direct Listing Alternative," in "Venture Capital & Public Offering Negotiation," vol. 2, 2023

- Author, “Open Market and Privately Negotiated Purchase Programs and the Market for Corporate Control,” *The Business Lawyer*, vol. 42, no. 3, pp. 715 – 45, 1987

Education

Harvard Law School
JD, 1985

Stanford University
BA, 1981

Admissions & Credentials

California

Rankings & Accolades

Best Lawyers in America: Lawyer of the Year for Securities/Capital Markets Law, San Jose (2022)

Best Lawyers in America: Lawyer of the Year for Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law (2017)

Best Lawyers in America: Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law (2006 – 2020)

Lawdragon: 500 Leading Lawyers in America (2014 – 2015)

Northern California Super Lawyers (2007 – 2010 and 2013 – 2017)

Martindale-Hubbell: AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating

Memberships & Affiliations

Silicon Valley Entrepreneurs' Conference, co-chair

American Bar Association, Business Law Section