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Kevin advises emerging companies on their growth from formation through liquidity events. He works as outside corporate counsel with startups on company formation, financing and ongoing corporate governance throughout their life cycles. Kevin advises on transactions, including venture financings, M&A, strategic corporate relationships and equity offerings for companies and financial and corporate investors. He also represents incubators and accelerators working with startups and venture capital funds in their formation, securities offerings and investments. In addition, Kevin occasionally enters into separate engagements with founders for representation in M&A and initial public offering transactions. He previously served as the corporate head of Cooley's Palo Alto office, where he was corporate hiring partner from 2016 to 2020. He is currently the corporate hiring partner at the firm's San Francisco office.

Kevin has been recognized for his work by leading journals, including The Legal 500 and Super Lawyers, and was listed in Northern California Super Lawyers' Mergers & Acquisitions category from 2011 to 2018.

Kevin's representative current funded company clients include:

- Adaptive Real Estate
- Aklivity
- Akuity
- Altimate AI
- Anchor Security
- Applied Data Finance (Personify Financial)
- Arc Technologies
- Archer AI
- Aspire Labs
- Atomwise
- Baton Systems

- Birdeye
- Bobyard
- Boolean AI
- Brevian
- Buf Technologies
- BuildCasa
- Carbon Crusher
- Carewell
- CH4 Global
- Chalkboard
- ClickUp
- Crib Equity
- Daimo
- DineWise
- Extensible AI
- F2 AI
- Federato
- Fiber AI
- Figment
- Flare
- Flock Homes
- Formant
- Gearflow
- Grafana Labs
- Gryps
- Have Blue
- HedgeHog Foods
- Hex
- Hoop
- HubFlow
- Invictus BCI
- Jupiter Intelligence
- Kalshi
- Kinetica DB
- KOATJI
- Kosli
- Leen
- Lilt
- Like Labs
- Loft Labs
- Lovable
- Lumos App
- Mantle
- Medusa
- Nanu Beauty
- Navgar
- Nenu Technologies
- Okahu
- Pair AI
- Plumtree AI
- PNOĒ
- Polimorphic

- Pravah
- Pratexo
- Pryon
- Ranovus
- Raspberry AI
- Reducto
- ResiQuant
- Revo AI
- Revvo
- Rill Data
- Sanity
- Schemata
- Sentry
- Smitten
- Socket
- Sylvan Labs
- Symbolica AI
- SysGit
- Tana Labs
- TaTiO
- The Org
- Treasure Data
- Trulioo
- Trunk Technologies
- Uniform Systems
- Valar Labs
- Vestigo Aerospace
- Viveka AI
- Vivino
- Volcano Platforms
- Xilis
- Zocks Communications

Kevin's representative recent investor clients include:

- 8VC
- Adidas Ventures
- Airbus Ventures
- Audacious Ventures
- Ballistic Ventures
- Bidra
- Brick & Mortar Ventures
- byFounders
- Citco
- Craft Ventures
- DCVC
- Development Bank of Japan
- Energize Ventures
- Evantic Capital
- Georgian Partners
- GTM Capital
- Haystack
- Headline

- Hoya
- Kleiner Perkins
- Lightspeed Venture Partners
- Maverick Ventures
- MS&AD Ventures
- Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy
- Pear Ventures
- Playground Ventures
- Ridge Ventures
- RPM Ventures
- Sapphire Ventures
- Scale Venture Partners
- SNÖ Ventures
- Wittington Investments
- Zoom

Additional past significant clients include Apple, Fortinet, GitHub, Google, HP, Netflix, Overture, Palm, Sun Microsystems and TIBCO.

Kevin is a former adjunct professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law, where he taught Corporate Transactions, and a former co-teacher of Business Law at the University of California, Berkeley, Haas School of Business MBA program. In addition, Kevin has been a guest participant in classes at the Stanford Graduate School of Business and in the Stanford Continuing Studies courses The Entrepreneur's Toolkit and The Effective Startup Board Member.

Education

Dalhousie University Schulich School of Law JD, 1999

University of Waterloo BASc, Mechanical Engineering (Management Science Option), with honours, 1994

Admissions & Credentials

California

Ontario, Canada

Rankings & Accolades

- Recognized by Legal 500
- Recognized by Super Lawyers
- Legal 500 for M&A: Venture Capital and Emerging Companies (2013)
- Northern California Super Lawyers: Mergers and Acquisitions (2011-2017)