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Mark represents a diverse portfolio of private growth companies and their investors across a variety of industries, including the consumer products, media, entertainment and technology sectors. He advises on the full spectrum of corporate matters, including early incorporation and team-building strategy, equity and debt fundraises, liquidity transactions (tender offers and mergers and acquisitions), and other strategic transactions, such as corporate restructurings, joint ventures, entity redomiciles and recapitalizations. Complementing his company-side work, Mark also works with institutional investors in venture and growth-stage transactions.

Mark has represented companies in hundreds of venture capital equity fundraises, helping corporate clients close investments from top-tier venture capital and growth investors, including Benchmark Capital, Greycroft, Lux Capital, Mucker Capital, Imaginary Ventures, CAVU Consumer Partners, Maveron, VMG Partners, Fidelity Management & Research Company, Lone Pine Capital, D1 Capital Partners, Forerunner Ventures, Seven Seven Six (776), Valor, Sonoma Brands Capital and Paine Schwartz Partners.

Notable examples of Mark's company-side client work include representing:

- Sweetgreen in multiple private equity financings and its $400 million initial public offering
- Nécessaire in multiple private equity financings and institutional credit facilities, as well as key distribution agreements
- Outer in multiple private equity financings
- Happiest Baby in multiple private equity financings
- BERO in multiple private equity financings
- Tone Body in multiple private equity financings and credit facilities
- Arbor Energy in multiple private equity financings and a credit facility
- Invisible Narratives in multiple private equity financings
- StreamYard in its sale to Hopin
- KitBash3D in its merger with Greyscalegorilla

While attending the University of Southern California Gould School of Law, Mark was a senior submissions editor for the Southern California Law Review. Mark also served as a judicial extern to Judge Berle M. Schiller, US District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Publications

- Author, “Clear Skies Ahead: Why the Supreme Court’s Decision in *Aereo* Should Have Limited Copyright Implications on Cloud Technology,” Southern California Law Review, Volume 89, Number 4 (May 2016)

Education

University of Southern California Gould School of Law JD, Order of the Coif, 2016

University of Southern California BA, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, 2009

Admissions & Credentials

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