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Ella advises clients on corporate matters across the business life cycle, with a particular focus on transactions in the tech sector. Her experience includes advising investors and companies, from startups to high-growth companies, on projects including venture capital financings, M&A and general corporate transactions.

Before beginning her law career, Ella worked as a medical doctor in the National Health Service.

Ella's experience includes representing:

- LabGenius, a UK drug discovery startup using machine learning to find and design antibody therapies to treat cancer, in its 35-million-pound Series B financing, led by M Ventures, and its Series A extension financing led by Atomico*
- Creandum in various financings, including its investments in Unitary, Lindus Health, Scarlet and SEON*
- ETF Partners in its investment in the \$75 million Series C financing of quantum error correction tech company Riverlane*
- Plain, a London-based startup developing an application-programming-interface-first tool to help companies provide streamlined support for customer service teams, in its \$6 million seed financing led by Index Ventures and Connect Ventures*
- Octopus Ventures in various financings, including its investments in NanoSyrinx, HelloSelf, Haiper, Swiipr, Whirli, ThoughtRiver, Vitesse PSP and KatKin*
- BGF and Octopus Ventures in their participation in Orbex's \$24 million Series B financing round*
- Cado Security, a UK-based cyber investigation and response solution provider, in its seed financing led by Ten Eleven Ventures, Series A funding round led by Blossom Capital and Series B financing led by Eurazeo*
- Cleo in its \$44 million Series B financing round led by EQT Ventures*
- Better Dairy in completing a 1.6-million-pound seed financing led by Happiness Capital*
- Spoon Guru, a food tech company providing tailored nutritional advice, in its Series A financing led by W23*
- Omnipresent Group, a tech-enabled platform that handles the complexity of international employment for clients, in its \$2 million seed financing, led by Playfair Capital and Episode 1, and its Series A funding round*
- Vertice, a London-based, tech-enabled software-as-a-service and cloud spend management company, in its \$25 million Series B fundraise, co-led by 83North and Bessemer Venture Partners*

- Accel as lead investor in the \$90 million Series C fundraising round into artificial intelligence (AI)-based video generation platform Synthesia*
- Fidelity International Strategic Ventures in leading a \$10 million Series A financing in the compliance tech and data analytics company SteelEye*
- 83North and Octopus Ventures in their lead investment in Ibex Medical Analytics, an Israel-based, AI-powered cancer diagnostics company, as part of a \$38 million Series B funding round*
- Smedvig Capital in completing a \$10 million Series A investment in restaurant intelligence platform Yumpingo*
- Skew, a cryptocurrency real-time data analytics company, in a \$2 million seed financing, led by firstminute capital, and its 4-million-pound Series A financing led by Octopus Ventures*
- Mashroom, a unique end-to-end property-letting platform, in completing a 4-million-pound convertible loan note financing*
- Helio, a Web3 payments platform designed to integrate cryptocurrency payments into the online checkout process, in its \$3.3 million seed funding round led by Peak and Lightspeed Faction*
- Kitch, a company building delivery-first virtual kitchens, in a 1-million-euro pre-seed financing round led by Seedcamp and Mustard Seed Maze*
- Danone Manifesto Ventures in its funding round in MOJU*
- Rimilia Holdings and its shareholders in the sale of 100% of its issued share capital to BlackLine Systems for a total consideration of \$120 million*
- Cado Security in its sale to Darktrace*

* Representation handled before joining Cooley

Education

Kaplan Law School

Legal Practice Course, 2014

BPP Law School

Graduate Diploma in Law, 2013

University College London

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, 2009

University College London

BSc, Psychology, 2007

Admissions & Credentials

England and Wales

Rankings & Accolades

The Legal 500 UK: Key Figure – Venture Capital (2024)

Memberships & Affiliations

Law Society of England and Wales

General Medical Council