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Emerging Companies

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Edtech

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Software

Palo Alto

Internet and Social Media

Venture Capital

Wearable and Fashion Tech

Virtual Reality/Augmented Reality

Internet of Things

Life Sciences and Healthcare

Retail and Consumer Products

Sports+

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

Fintech and Payments

Artificial Intelligence

Impact Investing and Mission-Driven Enterprises

Spacetech and Satellite

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Erik practices general securities and corporate law, with a focus on emerging growth companies, private financings, initial public offerings and M&A. He represents companies and investors in areas including software, hardware, artificial intelligence, Internet of Things, edtech, cleantech, life sciences, social impact, fashion, retail, unmanned vehicles, media and other technology fields. He works with incubators in the US and internationally and speaks regularly on various corporate governance and financing topics. Erik is the head of Cooley's Palo Alto corporate group and a member of the firm's firmwide partnership nominating and pro bono committees.

Erik also has extensive experience representing and advising small and large family offices on issues including office legal structures and corporate governance, family wealth and business planning, investment strategies, succession and family control, social impact investing, and philanthropic planning.

Erik serves on the board of directors of Swords to Plowshares, a nonprofit assisting veterans in the San Francisco Bay Area. He's also on the advisory board of ONE WORLD, an organization focused on innovative approaches to increasing social impact.

While at Santa Clara University School of Law, Erik served as the business editor of the Santa Clara Law Review. He was the recipient of the Witkin Award for Academic Excellence in Securities Regulation and the CALI Excellence for the Future Award. He also served as an extern for Judge James Ware (now retired) of the US District Court for the Northern District of California.

Education

Santa Clara University School of Law JD, cum laude, 2000

American University BA, Law and Society, 1997

Admissions & Credentials

California

Court Admissions

US District Court for the Northern District of California

Rankings & Accolades

Super Lawyers: Northern California Rising Star (2015)

Memberships & Affiliations

The State Bar of California

American Bar Association (ABA)