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Corporate Governance and Securities Regulation
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Elina practices corporate law with a focus on advising international startups entering the US market. She works extensively with emerging and technology companies, with particular experience in artificial intelligence (AI) and clean energy.

Elina counsels early-stage and growth-stage clients on corporate matters, including cross-border structuring, venture financings, mergers and acquisitions and US securities compliance.

Elina's recent matters include:

- Representing a US hydro fuel cell company in the sale of assets transaction for a total consideration of $80 million to a top British American hydrogen-electric developer*
- Representing a research and development company in a round of simple agreement for future equity financing with a valuation of $100 million*
- Representing an AI-driven enterprise optimization company in a $3 million reorganization involving intellectual property assignment and a set-off transaction*
- Representing a financial services provider in drafting a $40 million convertible promissory note transaction with a company in the United Arab Emirates*
- Working as a trust and safety associate, investigating and updating the hate speech policy for YouTube users located in France and Canada*

*Representation handled before joining Cooley

Elina holds a certificate in AI Law and Regulation from the London School of Economics, reflecting her broader focus on emerging technologies and AI policy.

Before joining Cooley, Elina practiced at a boutique corporate firm in San Francisco and worked in trust and safety operations at YouTube.

Education

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law LLM, Business Law Certificate, 2019

Belarusian State University LLB, International Law, 2017

The London School of Economics and Political Science Certificate, The Foundations of AI Law and Regulation

Admissions & Credentials

California

Rankings & Accolades

Super Lawyers: Rising Stars (2025 – 2026)

Memberships & Affiliations

The State Bar of California