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Mark Tanoury's practice includes all areas of corporate, partnership and securities law, with a focus on the formation and financing of emerging growth companies and venture capital partnerships. He has served as lead counsel in a wide variety of public and private financings over the years and has been a speaker at numerous seminars on the topic.

Mark has been recognized by Chambers USA as a national Band 1 leader for Startups & Emerging Companies and as a leader for Venture Capital in California. He has been consistently named as a leading lawyer by Best Lawyers in America in the category of Venture Capital Law; Securities/Capital Markets Law and Private Equity Law. He has been highlighted in the Hall of Fame by Legal 500 in the Venture Capital & Emerging Companies category.

Mark has been with Cooley since his legal career began in 1982. He served as chair of Cooley's business department from 1999 to 2002 and currently serves on the firm's compensation committee.

Education

University of Michigan Law School JD, magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, 1982

University of California, Berkeley MBA, Finance, 1978

The Ohio State University BA, Accounting, summa cum laude, 1977

Admissions & Credentials

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Rankings & Accolades

Chambers USA: Band 1 for Startups & Emerging – Nationwide (2015 – 2026)

Chambers USA: Band 1 for Venture Capital – California (2020 – 2026)

The Legal 500 US: Hall of Fame for Venture Capital And Emerging Companies (2020 – 2023, 2026)

The Legal 500 US: Leading Lawyer in Venture Capital and Emerging Companies (2020 – 2025)

Best Lawyers in America: Venture Capital Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law and Private Equity Law (2005 – 2019)

The Recorder: Top Venture Capital Practice

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