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Technology Transactions
Artificial Intelligence
Mergers and Acquisitions
Technology
Government Contracts
Emerging Companies

Barath helps technology companies navigate complex transactions involving technology and intellectual property, drawing on his background as a software engineer to understand both the business and technical issues at stake. He works with companies at every stage of growth, from bootstrapped startups to global enterprises, as well as their investors, on commercial transactions, M&A, divestitures and financings.

Barath also brings experience at the intersection of technology and the federal government. He helps technology companies sell products to federal agencies and collaborate with the government on research and development. He also advises on technical matters in areas including open-source software.

Barath's recent representative matters include:

- Advised an American AI lab on its $8.2 billion acquisition by a major American semiconductor company*
- Advised multiple prominent AI "neolabs" in connection with launch and fundraising*
- Advised an American semiconductor company on its $1.65 billion acquisition of a platform firmware and infrastructure management provider*
- Advised an American semiconductor company on a strategic partnership and $2 billion investment by another American semiconductor company*
- Advised an American software-as-a-service (SaaS) company on its $3.35 billion acquisition by a leading cybersecurity provider*
- Advised an American semiconductor company on its $339 million acquisition by a major Japanese semiconductor manufacturer*
- Advised a virtual power plant on its merger agreement with a major multinational technology company's home energy management service*
- Advised a publicly traded American manufacturer of optical and photonic products on its $750 million acquisition of a designer and manufacturer of advanced optical modules and optical sensors*
- Advised a financial regulatory technology company in connection with the formation of a collaborative group of five major global financial institutions*
- Advised a leading American AI company in connection with an Amazon partnership*
- Advised an AI research and product company on its $200 million Series B financing*
- Advised a public transit-tech and SaaS company on its acquisition of a patent licensing administration

company*

- Advised a mobile social media startup on its acquisition by a major American instant messaging and Voice over Internet Protocol social platform*
- Advised a global leader in cellular Internet of Things (IoT) solutions on an agreement to transfer a Swedish multinational telecommunications IoT accelerator and connected vehicle cloud businesses*
- Advised an identity and access management software company on its $2.3 billion acquisition by a major private equity and investment firm*
- Advised an American electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure company on a partnership with a leading financial institution's clean energy investment and asset management group to accelerate EV charging deployment*
- Advised the world's largest online professional and business-oriented social networking platform on several transactions*
- Advised an American provider of AI-powered cloud-based communication services on a strategic partnership with a global telecommunications company*
- Represented an enterprise AI application software company in commercial agreements with enterprise customers for deployment of its suite of AI applications*
- Advised the world's leading customer relationship management (CRM) platform on its expansion of a global partnership with a cloud computing and infrastructure services provider*
- Advised the world's leading CRM platform on a strategic commercial collaboration agreement with a cloud-based software platform and a related funding transaction*
- Represented numerous private companies in agreements to move infrastructure to public-cloud providers*
- Represented numerous technology providers in sales of software, SaaS and data products to financial institution customers*
- Represented numerous clients in cooperative research and development agreements (CRADAs) with government-owned research institutions*
- Represented numerous clients in connection with Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) agreements with the Departments of Defense and Energy*
- Represented numerous semiconductor clients in a variety of commercial transactions, including IP core and architecture license agreements with IP vendors, manufacturing and supply agreements with fabs, and patent license agreements with universities*
- Advised on a major American social media company's $44 billion acquisition*
- Advised a late-stage biopharmaceutical and drug development company on its $1.9 billion acquisition by a British multinational pharmaceutical and biotechnology company*
- Advised an autonomous vehicle systems company on its acquisition of the self-driving vehicle research and development division of an American multinational transportation company*
- Advised an AI vision processing research company on its acquisition of a producer of automotive AI processors and software*
- Represented a leading provider of agentic automation in its acquisition of an enterprise software and cognitive automation company*
- Advised an industrial technology and digital manufacturing company on its $160 million Series C funding*
- Advised a global optical and photonic technology company on its $5.7 billion acquisition of a global public manufacturer of materials, networking components and laser technology*
- Advised a semiconductor and display technology startup on its acquisition by a major American multinational technology corporation*
- Advised a nonprofit founded by a professional basketball player on the launch of its collaborative*

* Representation handled before joining Cooley.

Education

The George Washington University Law School JD, cum laude, 2008

University of California, Berkeley BA, Computer Science, cum laude, 2002

Admissions & Credentials

California

District of Columbia

Rankings & Accolades

Lawdragon: 100 Leading AI & Legal Tech Advisors (2025, 2026)

The Deal: Top Rising Stars (2021)