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Eric advises technology companies that are built to scale rapidly and drive meaningful impact. He represents ambitious startups and venture-backed companies from formation through exit, advising on day-to-day operations, financings, growth equity investments, mergers and acquisitions, and strategic transactions.

Eric approaches each transaction with an emphasis on speed, clarity and long-term value creation, coupled with a deliberate people-first mindset. He believes the most successful deals are not only structurally sound, but also leave the leaders, executives and investors involved feeling aligned, respected and energized about the partnership ahead. Eric helps clients navigate high-stakes moments while building durable companies and enduring relationships.

Eric focuses particularly on companies and investors operating at the intersection of sports, technology and consumer engagement.

Before building his transactional practice, Eric was a licensed sports agent and president of a sports management firm, where he negotiated contracts and gained firsthand experience in high-stakes dealmaking and the business of sports.

He also taught middle school and coached high school basketball in inner-city Los Angeles, experiences that shaped his leadership style and relationship-driven approach when advising emerging companies and investors. Earlier in his legal career, Eric practiced as an employment counselor and litigator, representing companies on workplace matters and federal court proceedings. This combination of courtroom and leadership experience gives him a practical perspective that helps clients anticipate challenges, manage complexity and execute with confidence at every stage of a company's life cycle.

Education

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law JD, cum laude, 2015

Loyola Marymount University MA, Urban Education, 2011

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) BA, Political Science, 2009

Admissions & Credentials

California

Court Admissions

US District Court for the Northern District of California

US District Court for the Eastern District of California

Memberships & Affiliations

The State Bar of California