

Startups and Emerging Growth Companies

Our team of experienced attorneys provides comprehensive legal support tailored to the unique needs of startups and emerging growth companies. With our deep understanding of the startup ecosystem and the legal landscape, we guide clients through every stage of growth.

- 1. Entity Formation and Structuring:** We help clients choose the [appropriate legal entity structure for their business](#), such as limited liability companies (LLCs), corporations or partnerships. We draft articles of incorporation, bylaws, operating agreements and partnership agreements to ensure proper governance and protection for your company.
- 2. Financing and Fundraising:** Our team has extensive experience in [assisting startups with various financing and fundraising activities](#). We can help you navigate through [seed funding](#), rounds of venture capital investments, [angel investments](#), [crowdfunding campaigns](#) and more. We provide comprehensive advice on term sheets, shareholder agreements and [convertible notes](#) to protect your interests.
- 3. Intellectual Property Protection:** We understand the importance of safeguarding your [intellectual property \(IP\) assets](#). Our attorneys assist with IP strategy, trademark and copyright registrations, licensing agreements and trade secret protection. We are dedicated to helping you establish a strong IP portfolio and enforce your rights when necessary.
- 4. Employment and HR Matters:** We provide [guidance on employment matters](#) including drafting employment contracts, non-disclosure agreements, non-compete agreements and employee handbooks. We also advise on compliance with labor laws and regulations.
- 5. Contract Drafting and Negotiation:** We provide comprehensive contract drafting and negotiation services tailored to your specific needs and aligned with your business goals. Our team can assist with vendor contracts, partnership agreements, joint ventures, licensing agreements and more.
- 6. Data Privacy and Security:** With the increasing importance of data privacy, we help startups navigate the complex landscape of privacy

laws and regulations. Our team assists with drafting privacy policies, terms of service and data protection agreements. We also provide advice on compliance with GDPR, CCPA and other relevant regulations.

7. **Mergers, Acquisitions and Exit Strategies:** When the time comes, our attorneys provide strategic advice and guidance on mergers, acquisitions and exit planning. We assist with due diligence, negotiations, drafting acquisition agreements and all legal aspects of your exit.



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