

Welcome to Dorsey & Whitney: Silicon Valley's Legal Solution for Startups

Rapidly growing businesses require creative entrepreneurship supported by sound legal advice. Lawyers from Dorsey's venture capital and emerging companies group create the legal foundation necessary to raise capital, attract and retain employees, protect intellectual property and contract with partners. We work with venture capital firms to investigate and document their investments and to connect and introduce clients in need of financing. Competent, creative and connected, Dorsey attorneys help emerging companies and their shareholders successfully navigate legal obstacles from initial investment to final liquidity.

Structuring for Emerging Growth Companies

With deep experience in working with companies of all sizes in a diverse collection of industries, Dorsey lawyers provide counsel that marries legal knowledge with an understanding of your business, your markets and your risks – at every stage of the growth path. The well-rounded perspective at Dorsey results from our regular representation of venture capital firms, and national, regional and local investment banks that fund emerging companies. Venture capital and other institutional investors rely on Dorsey for assistance in fund formation and structuring, investigating and documenting investments. Dorsey venture capital and emerging company clients represent a diverse collection of industries:

- Medical technology
- Biotechnology
- Computer technology
- Software
- Electronics
- Telecommunications
- Consumer Products
- Services

Related Capabilities

- Emerging Companies
- Trademark, Copyright + Advertising
- Technology Commerce
- Educational Publishing, Technology & Services
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Patent Prosecution & Strategy
- Sustainability
- Labor & Employment
- Trusts & Estates

Other Ways Dorsey Helps Startups Grow

As you grow your business, the Dorsey full-service capability is there to help manage legal obligations, provide access to financial partners, and stay involved as your enterprise grows. After your business benefits from capital infusions, Dorsey provides additional and essential corporate finance services. We'll assist you in:

- Formation, venture capital and private financing
- Strategic alliances
- Domestic, international licensing
- Intellectual property
- Distribution arrangements
- Executive, employee benefits
- Public offerings
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Complex business litigation
- Taxation and tax planning

From employment law and ESOPs to real estate acquisition and facilities support, the Dorsey full-service capability can support you at every point along your business trajectory. Whether it's foreign investment, tax, banking or litigation, Dorsey will help you see – and realize – new possibilities.

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