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EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, 1988

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*

University of Virginia, 1984

Bachelor of Arts, with honors

EXPERIENCE

Chris has spent most of his career as a strategic legal advisor to company founders, board members, executives and investors, primarily for companies in the information technology, life sciences and medical device industries. His deep experience with companies in those industries helps him bring a practical, efficient business perspective to his legal work. Chris often serves as outside general counsel for these companies, and his practice includes a high volume of seed and venture capital financings, private placements and mergers & acquisitions for his clients. He joined the firm in 1992. Prior to that time, Chris practiced at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, the largest law firm in Silicon Valley, where he worked with various technology-based companies.

Practice Areas

Blockchain Initiative | Capital Markets | Emerging Growth Companies | Mergers & Acquisitions

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Listed among *The Best Lawyers in America*: Corporate Law, Information Technology Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, Venture Capital Law (2007-2020); Mergers & Acquisitions Law (2014-2020)

Listed as "Raleigh *Best Lawyers* Mergers and Acquisitions Law Lawyer of the Year" (2020)

Listed as "Raleigh *Best Lawyers* Corporate Law Lawyer of the Year" (2019)

Listed as "Raleigh *Best Lawyers* Venture Capital Law Lawyer of the Year" (2014, 2016)

Listed as "Raleigh *Best Lawyers* Securities/Capital Markets Law Lawyer of the Year" (2013, 2015)

Listed among *North Carolina Super Lawyers* for Business/Corporate (2006-2019)

Listed among *Business North Carolina Magazine* Legal Elite: Corporate (2014)

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

American Bar Association | North Carolina Bar Association | North Carolina State Bar