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David is co-chair of Cooley's global capital markets practice group. David practices general business and corporate law, representing both emerging and public companies in a variety of matters – including capital markets transactions, Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) reporting and compliance, and corporate governance matters. He routinely represents issuers and investment banks in complex securities offerings – including initial public offerings (IPOs), follow-on offerings, 144A offerings, private investments in public equity (PIPEs), deSPACs and direct listings. His practice also includes company formations, venture capital financings and general corporate matters.

David has been involved in 100+ IPOs or other offerings of debt or equity, including IPOs and direct listings for Uber, DocuSign, Stitch Fix, Snap, Warby Parker, Dutch Bros, FIGS, Root, Atlassian, Yelp, Lyell, New Relic, Wish.com, Life360, NerdWallet, Sweetgreen, Doximity, Lulu's Fashion, Expensify, Xometry, Zynga, LinkedIn, Zendesk, FireEye, MINDBODY, Livongo, Zscaler and Guardant. He also is a market leader in deSPAC transactions, having represented companies, special purpose acquisition company (SPAC) acquirers, or the financial advisers in transactions for companies like Grindr, WeWork, Grab Holdings, Hylion, Canoo, Opendoor, Archer Aviation, Supergroup, Xos Trucks, Heliogen and Weedmaps.

David is regularly recognized as a top capital markets lawyer by publications, such as The Legal 500 US and Law360, the latter of which named him a Capital Markets MVP in 2019. Chambers USA has included David as a ranked lawyer for seven consecutive years – currently in Band 1 – in its Capital Markets: Debt & Equity category for the Western United States – Nationwide and California regions. The Daily Journal also recognized David among its California Lawyer Attorneys of the Year in 2020 and Top 100 Lawyers in California in 2019, and previously included him in its Top 20 Under 40 list.

David's public company clients include:

- Alumis
- Dutch Bros
- Grindr
- Life360
- Lyell
- Root
- Snap
- Stitch Fix

- Super Group
- Uber
- Weedmaps
- Xos Trucks
- Yelp

David's private company clients include:

- Altos Labs
- Cedar
- GoPuff
- Hootsuite
- Mixpanel
- Notion
- OpenAI
- OpenSea
- Pacaso
- Playground.ai
- Rappi
- ShieldAI
- Vouch

David's investment bank representations include advising:

- BofA Securities
- Citigroup
- Cowen
- Leerink
- Goldman Sachs
- Jefferies
- J.P. Morgan
- Morgan Stanley

David is a member of the board of directors for BUILD.org, a nonprofit focused on igniting the power of youth in under-resourced communities to build career success, entrepreneurial mindsets and opportunity.

Education

New York University School of Law
JD, 2001

University of Florida
BS, 1998

Admissions & Credentials

California

Not admitted to practice in Florida

Rankings & Accolades

Chambers USA: Band 1: Capital Markets: Debt & Equity: Western United States – Nationwide (2024)

Chambers USA: Band 1: Capital Markets: Debt & Equity – California (2024)

Chambers USA: SPACs – Nationwide (2023)

The Legal 500 US: Leading Lawyer in Capital Markets: Equity Offerings (2020 – 2023)

Daily Journal: California Lawyer Attorneys of the Year Awards (2020)

IFLR1000 US: Lawyer of the Year – Capital Markets (2020)

Daily Journal: Top 100 Lawyers in California (2019 – 2020)

Law 360: Capital Markets MVP (2019)

The Legal 500 US: Next Generation Lawyer in Capital Markets: Equity (2019)

Daily Journal: Top 20 Under 40 (2014)

Memberships & Affiliations

American Bar Association (ABA)

The Bar Association of San Francisco