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Public Companies
Capital Markets
Mergers and Acquisitions
Emerging Companies
Venture Capital

Dave works with public and private technology, internet and life sciences companies through all stages of their growth, from startup through public offerings and beyond. He was one of the lead partners on the teams that took Square and Google public. His clients also include venture capitalists and investment bankers.

Dave focuses on corporate and securities law, including general corporate representation, venture capital financings, public offerings and M&A. In addition, he has extensive experience counseling public companies on governance, defensive measures, disclosure matters and other complex securities law issues.

Prior to joining Cooley, Dave was a partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati.

Prior to launching his legal career, Dave was an investment banker with Lehman Brothers, working out of its San Francisco office to service technology companies on financings, M&A transactions and other engagements.

Select Transactions:

- Counsel in 75+ public offerings, including those of Google, Square, and Asana's direct listing
- Google in more than 100 acquisitions, including its \$3.1 billion acquisition of DoubleClick and its \$3.2 billion acquisition of Nest Labs
- Google in its strategic investments in AOL (\$1 billion) and Clearwire Communications (\$500 million)
- Riverbed Technology in its \$3.4 billion going private transaction with a syndicate led by Thoma Bravo
- Total Gas & Power in its \$1.4 billion control acquisition of SunPower Corporation and related \$1 billion credit support
- Infoseek in its tracking stock-based sale to The Walt Disney Company
- MIPS Computer Systems in its merger with Silicon Graphics
- Sun Microsystems in more than 25 acquisitions
- Documentum in its merger with EMC

Rankings and Recognition:

- Best Lawyers in America – "Lawyer of the Year" for Securities and Capital Markets Law in San Jose (2022)
- Best Lawyers in America – "Lawyer of the Year" for Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law (2017)

- Best Lawyers in America – Corporate, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity, Mergers and Acquisitions, Securities Law (2006–2020)
- Lawdragon – 500 Leading Lawyers in America (2014–2015)
- Northern California Super Lawyers (2007–2010 and 2013–2017)
- AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating, Martindale-Hubbell

Select Publications:

- "Open Market and Privately Negotiated Purchase Programs and the Market for Corporate Control," The Business Lawyer, Volume 42, Number 3
- "The Direct Listing Alternative", Venture Capital & Public Offering Negotiation, Volume 2, Chapter 32A (2023)

Associations and Memberships:

- Co-chair, Silicon Valley Entrepreneurs' Conference
- Member, Business Law Section, American Bar Association

Education

Harvard Law School
JD, 1985

Stanford University
BA, 1981

Admissions & Credentials

California

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Legal 500 US (2007)