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Kevin helps emerging companies achieve smart growth. He works as outside corporate counsel with founders on company formation and ongoing corporate governance throughout each client's life cycle. Kevin advises on transactions, including venture financings, mergers & acquisitions, strategic corporate relationships, and equity offerings for companies and financial and corporate investors. He also represents incubators, accelerators, and entrepreneurs working with startups and venture capital funds in their formation, securities offerings and investments. In addition, Kevin has represented a number of founders personally in M&A and secondary sale transactions. Kevin previously served as the corporate head of Cooley's Palo Alto office, where he was corporate hiring partner from 2016 to 2020.

Kevin has been recognized for his work by leading journals such as The Legal 500 and Super Lawyers, and he was listed in Northern California Super Lawyers' Mergers & Acquisitions category from 2011 to 2018.

Kevin's representative current funded company clients include:

- Adaptive Real Estate
- Adra Technologies
- Aero Technologies
- AeroGuest
- Aklivity
- Akuity
- Applied Data Finance (Personify Financial)
- Aspire Labs
- Atomwise

- AutoCamp
- Baton Systems
- Birdeye
- Bizly
- Bobbyard
- Brutus AI
- Buf Technologies
- BuildCasa
- Carbon Crusher
- Carewell
- CH4 Global
- ClickUp
- Chalkboard.io
- Cooby
- Contractbook
- Crib Equity
- DineWise
- Ego Live
- EQE AI
- Everest AI
- Everfund
- FarmRaise
- Federato
- Fiber AI
- Flock Homes
- Formant
- Fortify AI
- Gearflow
- Grafana Labs
- Gridlines
- Gryps
- Have Blue
- Hearth AI
- HedgeHog Foods
- Highly Valued
- Invictus BCI

- Jupiter Intelligence
- Kalshi
- Kinetica DB
- KOATJI
- Kosli
- Langbase
- Leen
- Lekko Technologies
- LightbulbML
- LILT
- Like Labs
- Loft Labs
- Lumos App
- LUS Brands
- Mantle
- Medusa
- Model-Prime
- Multilot
- Navgar
- Nibble Audio
- No Filter
- Pahdo Labs
- Pair AI
- PlaygroundRL
- PLUMTREE AI
- PNOË
- Polimorphic
- Polyjobs
- Poppy Health
- Portabl
- Positive Polar
- Pratexo
- Prewitt Ridge
- Pryon Incorporated
- Quanergy Systems
- QView Medical
- Ranovus

- Raspberry AI
- Revvo
- Rill Data
- Sanity.io
- Smitten
- Snapdocs
- Socket
- Symbolica AI
- Tana Labs
- TaTiO
- The Org
- Tier.run
- Traverse 3D
- Treasure Data
- Trulioo
- Trunk Technologies
- Unacast
- Uniform Systems
- URO-1
- UroViu
- Valar Labs
- Vivino
- Worksome
- Xilis
- Yoz Labs
- ZipperTax
- Zocks Communications
- Zoios

Kevin's representative recent investor clients include:

- Adidas Ventures
- Airbus Ventures
- Audacious Ventures
- Bidra
- Brick & Mortar Ventures
- byFounders
- Citco

- DCVC
- Development Bank of Japan
- Energize Ventures
- Georgian Partners
- GTM Capital
- Haystack
- Hoya Corporation
- Lightspeed Venture Partners
- Maverick Ventures
- MS&AD Ventures
- Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy
- Pear Ventures
- Playground Ventures
- Relay Ventures
- Sapphire Ventures
- Scale Venture Partners
- Sierra Ventures
- SNP Ventures
- Spruce House Investment Management
- Venture Highway
- Wildcat Venture Partners
- Wittington Investments

Kevin is a charter member of the C100, a nonprofit, member-driven organization that supports Canadian technology entrepreneurship through mentorship, partnership and investment. He is a former adjunct professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law, where he taught Corporate Transactions, and was co-teacher of Business Law for the University of California, Berkeley Hass School of Business MBA program. In addition, Kevin has been a guest participant in classes at the Stanford Graduate School of Business, as well as Stanford Continuing Studies' The Entrepreneur's Toolkit and The Effective Startup Board Member courses.

Education

Dalhousie University Schulich School of Law, Halifax
JD, 1999

University of Waterloo
Hons. B.A.Sc., 1994

Admissions & Credentials

California

Ontario, Canada

Rankings & Accolades

- Recognized by Legal 500
- Recognized by Super Lawyers
- Legal 500 for M&A: Venture Capital and Emerging Companies (2013)
- Northern California Super Lawyers: Mergers and Acquisitions (2011-2017)