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Samuel M. Livermore's 35-year practice spans a broad spectrum of business counseling and complex transactional matters, including business organization and structuring, corporate governance, securities disclosure and compliance, investor relations, mergers and acquisitions, equity and debt financing, executive compensation and international transactions. He has advised publicly and privately-held companies, boards of directors, special committees, family-owned businesses, individuals and majority and minority stockholder groups in numerous industries, domestic and foreign.

Sam joined Cooley in 1996. He previously served as head of the firm's San Francisco Business and Finance Practice, which encompasses practice groups focusing on public companies, emerging companies, capital markets, credit finance, mergers & acquisitions and personal representation, and the investment banks, financial institutions, wealth managers and other financing sources doing business in those areas. He has been a member of the firm's Management Committee and head of the firm-wide Regulatory Practice (encompassing antitrust and competition, government contracts, health care and international trade) and serves on the firm's Retirement Plans Committee.

Sam received a JD in 1978 from Stanford Law School, where he was a senior editor of the *Stanford Journal of International Studies*. He received a MSc in International Relations in 1974 from the London School of Economics, University of London, where he was a Marshall Scholar. He earned an AB, *summa cum laude*, from Dartmouth College in 1973, having been elected to Phi Beta Kappa and received the Barrett Cup Award. Sam has been consistently listed in the *Best Lawyers in America* and has been named a "Northern California Super Lawyer" by *Law & Politics* and *San Francisco Magazine*.

In addition to his professional activities, Sam has been active with numerous community, educational and environmental organizations. He was a founder and served for many years as chairman of The Yosemite Conservancy, is vice chairman and a director of Save-The-Redwoods League, a director of the Fund for People in Parks and previously served in leadership positions with the Conservation Horizons Committee of the California Counsel of Land Trusts, the Marin Art & Garden Center, Marin Country Day School, the Terwilliger Nature Education Center and other nonprofit organizations.

Sam was seconded to the law firm of Mallesons Stephen Jaques in Sydney, Australia, in 1983. He is a member of the State Bar of California, the American Bar Association and the Bar Association of San Francisco.

## Education

Stanford Law School  
JD, 1978

University of London  
MS, 1974

Dartmouth College  
AB, 1973

## Admissions & Credentials

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