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A Silicon Valley native, Blake has more than 20 years of legal experience practicing executive compensation and employee benefits in the San Francisco Bay Area. Blake advises early to late-stage venture-backed and privately-held companies on equity compensation matters. His primary practice focus is two-fold: working with investors and venture backed companies from inception to exit (IPO, direct listing) and mergers and acquisitions (both buy-side and sell-side). In each of Blake's two primary areas of focus, his practice encompasses tax, securities, accounting and corporate law matters.

Blake is a regular contributor to Cooley GO, our tailor-made microsite for entrepreneurs that offers a wide-range of legal resources and business tools and advice.

Education

New York University School of Law
LLM, 1998

University of San Francisco School of Law
1997, JD

University of California, Davis
BA, 1993

Admissions & Credentials

California

Rankings & Accolades

Chambers USA: Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation – California: San Francisco, Silicon Valley & Surro (2019 – 2024)

Legal 500: Employee Benefits, Executive Compensation and Retirement Plans (2023)