

John A. Fore

PARTNER EMERITUS

HIGHLIGHTS

■ Finance and Structured Finance Practice Leader

John has extensive experience in corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions transactions, and has worked on a large number of public and private mergers and acquisitions transactions.

■ Representation of World-Class Clients

John has represented leading technology, retail, telecommunications, biotechnology, clean technology, and healthcare companies, including GoDaddy, HP, salesforce.com, and Netflix, among others.

■ A Recognized Practitioner

John has been recognized as a leading corporate attorney by *Chambers USA*, *Northern California Super Lawyers*, and *Best Lawyers*.

EXPERIENCE

John Fore was a partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where he led the firm's finance and structured finance practice. John has extensive experience in corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions transactions, and has worked on a large number of public and private mergers and acquisitions transactions, representing both acquirer and target companies, as well as private equity firms. In addition, his practice included a broad range of public and private equity and debt financing transactions, representing both domestic and foreign issuers and underwriters and placement agents in a variety of industries, including technology, retail, telecommunications, biotechnology, clean technology, health care, telecommunications, and manufacturing. He has also worked on a large number of joint ventures, spin-outs, PIPEs and venture capital financings.

John has served as a member of the firm's Policy Committee and is a former member of the firm's board of directors.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., New York University School of Law, 1983
- B.A., Yale University, 1979
Cum Laude

Associations and Memberships

- Member, Corporations Committee, Business Law Section of the State Bar of California

Honors

- Named in the 2006-2018 editions of *Best Lawyers in America*
- Named in the 2005-2018 editions of *Northern California Super Lawyers*
- Recognized in the 2004-2019 editions of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, in which he is praised for his "great perspective" and "expert" representation of tech and telecommunication companies

MATTERS

Select Transactions

- Adobe Systems in its \$1.0 billion offering of senior notes
- Amkor in offerings of over \$3.0 billion of senior and convertible senior notes
- Applied Materials in its \$1.75 billion offering of senior notes
- Cypress Semiconductor in its acquisition of SunPower
- Eastman Kodak in its placement of \$500 million of senior secured notes and \$300 million senior secured notes to K.K.R.
- Genentech in its offering of \$2 billion of senior notes
- Francisco Partners in its \$420 million acquisition of Metrologic Instruments and its subsequent \$720 million sale to Honeywell
- Freescale Semiconductor in its \$19 billion sale to a private equity consortium led by The Blackstone Group and the related the tender offers/consent solicitations with respect to \$850 million in senior
- The GoDaddy Group in its \$2.25 billion sale to K.K.R, Silver Lake Partners and Technology Crossover Ventures and the related issuance of \$300 million of senior notes
- Hewlett-Packard in its offerings of over \$15 billion of senior notes
- Linear Technology in its offering of \$1.7 billion of convertible senior notes
- Micron Technology in its \$2.5 billion acquisition of Elpida Memory, Inc. out of bankruptcy
- Micron Technology in its \$1.3 billion acquisition of Numonyx from Intel Corporation, ST Microelectronics B.V. and Francisco Partners
- Micron Technology in its \$400 million acquisition of shares of Inotera Memories, a Taiwanese joint venture, from Qimonda AG
- Micron Technology in its purchase of U.S. wafer fab facilities from Toshiba
- Micron Technology in its \$1.8 billion acquisition of the semiconductor memory manufacturing business of Texas Instruments
- Micron Technology in its offerings of over \$6 billion of convertible senior notes and over \$3.7 billion of senior notes
- NetApp in its offerings of over \$1.5 billion of senior notes and \$1.1 billion of convertible senior notes
- Netflix in its offerings of over \$2.6 billion of senior notes and over \$200 million zero coupon senior convertible notes
- Nuance Communications in its offerings of \$700 million senior notes and \$600 million of senior convertible debentures
- salesforce.com in its offering of \$1.15 billion of convertible senior notes
- Serena Software its \$1.2 billion sale to a private equity consortium led by Silver Lake Partners
- Sun Microsystems it is \$700 million placement of convertible notes to K.K.R.
- SVB Financial Group in offerings of over \$1.6 billion of senior and subordinated notes and \$250 million of convertible senior notes
- Tibco Software in its offering of \$525 million of convertible senior notes