

## Chris F. Fennell

PARTNER EMERITUS

Corporate



### FOCUS AREAS

Biotech  
Clean Energy  
Communications and  
Networking  
Consumer Products and  
Services  
Corporate  
Corporate Governance  
Digital Health  
Digital Media and  
Entertainment  
Emerging Companies and  
Venture Capital  
Financial Services  
Fintech  
Internet  
Life Sciences  
Medical Devices  
Mergers & Acquisitions  
Mobile Devices  
Semiconductors  
Software

### HIGHLIGHTS

- **Corporate Law Veteran**  
Chris retired in 2025 as a corporate law veteran with over 30 years of experience working with technology and life sciences companies, both public and private, through all stages of their development and growth.
- **Public Company Experience**  
He counseled publicly held companies extensively on disclosure matters, SEC compliance and reporting, follow-on and secondary offerings, NASDAQ and NYSE listing compliance, corporate governance, and other securities law issues.

### EXPERIENCE

Chris Fennell retired as a partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in 2025. He began his legal career as an associate at the firm in 1989 and was elected partner in 1997. Chris advised technology and life sciences companies, both public and private, through all stages of their development and growth.

Chris's practice focuses on corporate and securities law, including general corporate representation, seed and venture capital financings, public offerings, and mergers and acquisitions. Chris advised clients on matters ranging from formation to initial public offerings, predominately from the entrepreneur and company side. With over 25 years of experience, he also counseled publicly held companies on disclosure matters, SEC compliance and reporting, follow-on and secondary offerings, NASDAQ and NYSE listing compliance, corporate governance, and other securities law issues.

Prior to attending law school, Chris was a senior auditor and certified public accountant with Arthur Andersen & Co. in San Francisco.

### CREDENTIALS

#### Education

- J.D., UCLA School of Law, 1989
- B.S., Business Administration, University of California, Berkeley, 1983

### CLIENTS

#### Select Clients and Representations

- Represented multiple emerging technology (e.g., Google, Mojave Networks, StarMine, Verplex Systems, WhiteSky) and life sciences companies (e.g., BaroSense, NovelMed) in formations, restructurings from LLC to C-corp, seed and venture financings, convertible debt financings, partnering agreements, employment and equity compensation matters, corporate governance, and general day-to-day corporate matters.
- Represented multiple technology (e.g., Google, EPIC Design, Pinnacle Systems, StarMine, TriQuint Semiconductor, Yodlee) and life sciences issuers (e.g., Abgenix, Acclarent, Cardiac Pathways, Cholestech Corporation, Sequana Therapeutics) in initial public offerings.
- Advised the management and boards of directors of multiple public companies (e.g., Align Technology, OmniVision Technology, Pete's Brewing Company, Seagate Technology, Solta Medical) on day-to-day corporate governance matters, as well as various follow-on equity and debt public offerings, 144A transactions, PIPE transactions, accelerated stock repurchases, debt redemptions, and going-private transactions.
- Represented public and private purchasers and sellers (e.g., Align Technology, Cardiac Pathways, EPIC Design, Pinnacle Systems, Seagate Technology, Solta Medical) in M&A transactions.