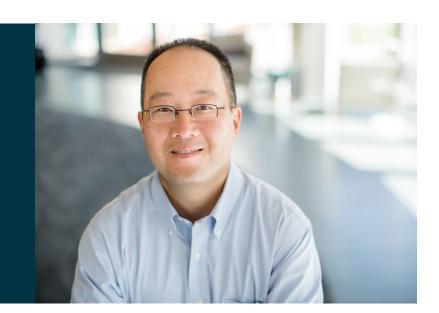# WILSON SONSINI

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FOCUS AREAS

Blockchain and Cryptocurrency

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Fintech

Fintech and Financial Services

Internet

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Mobility

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Software

U.S. Expansion

HIGHLIGHTS

Represents Technology and Growth Clients
Yokum works with companies at all stages of development through private financings, strategic transactions, public offerings, and mergers and acquisitions, as well as investors in VC financings.

A Recognized Practitioner
Chambers USA consistently names Yokum as a leader in the startups and emerging companies and venture capital categories, in which clients noted that "his level of knowledge and experience is unparalleled."

EXPERIENCE

Yoichiro (Yokum) Taku is a corporate and securities partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati and a co-leader of the firm's emerging companies practice. Yokum represents technology and growth companies at all stages of development, through private financings, strategic transactions, public offerings, and mergers and acquisitions. He also represents investors in venture capital financings. Yokum has advised numerous entrepreneurs from initial company formation to liquidity event. At any time, Yokum typically represents start-up companies seeking venture financing, private companies that have received financing, and publicly traded companies.

Yokum also leads Wilson Sonsini's Japan practice. He advises U.S. companies on their transactions in Japan, and Japanese companies on their transactions in the United States. Yokum also advises numerous companies with operations in Asia. Yokum worked at the Tokyo law firm of Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu in 1994 and 1995.

Yokum maintains a resourceful site for the benefit of start-ups and entrepreneurs at www.startupcompanylawyer.com.

CREDENTIALS

Education
- J.D., University of Chicago Law School, 1993
- B.A., Political Science, University of Minnesota, 1990

Associations and Memberships
- Former Chairman, Angel Venture Financing Subcommittee of the American Bar Association Business Law Section Committee on Venture Capital and Private Equity
- Former President and Board Member, Asian Law Alliance

Honors

- Recognized in the 2016-2023 editions of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, in which clients noted that "he's a fantastic counselor and adviser," "he really has his finger on the pulse of the Valley and how to get things done," "he is extremely easy to get hold of and he explains complex topics well," and "his level of knowledge and experience is unparalleled"
- Named in the 2013 and 2014 editions of *Northern California Super Lawyers*

Admissions

- State Bar of California

MATTERS

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- Represented companies that have been sold to Access, Apple, Cadence, EA, Earthlink, Facebook, Fox Interactive Media, Intel, McAfee, Microsoft, Namco, Novellus, Nvidia, RockYou, Winbond, Yahoo!, Zynga, and many others
- Represented issuer or underwriter in IPOs for Agora, Biopsys, Blaze Software, broadcast.com, Chemoil Energy, Convergent Group, Corsair, Ditech, drugstore.com, First Virtual, Hambrecht & Quist Group, Newgen Results, Packeteer, PeoplePC, Ramp Networks, Terayon, and Xylan.

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Select Clients

- Agora (video/voice API)
- AngelPad (incubator)
- Balbix (enterprise security)
- Brillio (digital business transformation)
- Caffeine (live streaming platform)
- Carbon Health (healthcare)
- Domino Data Lab (data science)
- DroneDeploy (drone mapping software)
- Fieldwire (construction management software)
- FundersClub (online venture capital)
- Iterable (customer engagement)
- Sift (fraud prevention)
- PandaDoc (sales process software)
- Radish Media (serialized fiction)
- Udemy (online education)

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