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FOCUS AREAS

Blockchain and
Cryptocurrency
Climate and Clean
Technologies
Communications and
Networking
Consumer Products and
Services
Corporate
Corporate Governance
Data Storage and Cloud
Digital Health
Digital Media and
Entertainment
Electronic Gaming
Emerging Companies and
Venture Capital
Financial Services
Fintech
Fintech and Financial
Services
Internet
Mergers & Acquisitions
Mobile Devices
Mobility
Semiconductors
Software
U.S. Expansion

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Represents Technology and Growth Clients**
Yokum works with companies at all stages of development through private financings, strategic transactions, 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, and mergers and acquisitions. He also represents investors in venture capital financings. Yokum has advised numerous entrepreneurs from initial company formation to liquidity event. He has completed over 1,000 financings for start-up companies over his career.

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 2016-2026 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”

Admissions

- State Bar of California

MATTERS

Select Transactions

- Represented companies that have been sold to Access, Apple, Cadence, EA, Earthlink, Facebook, Fox Interactive Media, Google, 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.

CLIENTS

Select Clients

- Agora (video/voice API)
- AngelPad (incubator)
- Balbix (enterprise security)
- Caffeine (live streaming platform)
- Carbon Health (healthcare)
- DroneDeploy (drone mapping software)
- FundersClub (online venture capital)
- Iterable (customer engagement)
- Jerry (insurance)
- Mudflap (fuel discount network)
- Oishii (indoor vertical strawberry farm)
- Otter.ai (AI meeting note taker)
- Sift (fraud prevention)
- PandaDoc (sales process software)
- Udemy (online education)