

## Brian M. McDaniel

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### FOCUS AREAS

Corporate  
Corporate Governance  
Emerging Companies  
Financial Services  
Fund Formation  
Greater China  
Private Equity

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Fund Formation Expertise**  
Brian has substantial experience with the formation and operation of venture capital and other private investment funds, including single-target and accelerator/incubator vehicles.
- Cross-Border Funds Experience**  
Brian's clients include funds investing in the U.S., China, India, Southeast Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East.

### EXPERIENCE

Brian McDaniel is the head of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati's fund services group. He focuses on the formation and operation of venture capital and other private investment funds, including single-target and accelerator/incubator vehicles. He represents funds based in the United States, China, India, Southeast Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East. His practice is oriented around finding commercial solutions across multiple legal domains, including partnership, tax, and compliance, often in multiple jurisdictions. He has advised on the formation of venture capital funds for over 20 years.

Before practicing law, Brian was a computer engineer who worked with mission controllers at NASA's Johnson Space Center.

### CREDENTIALS

#### Education

- J.D., Harvard Law School, 1998  
*Cum Laude*
- B.S., Computer Science and Engineering, Texas A&M University, 1994  
*Magna Cum Laude*

#### Honors

- Named Leading Lawyer for Business in Corporate/M&A – India (Experts Based Abroad) and in Investment Funds (International Firms) – China (Foreign Experts) by *Chambers Global*
- Ranked by *Legal 500*

#### Admissions

- State Bar of California
- Hong Kong SAR

### Select Representations

- Catchlight Capital in the formation of a special purpose portfolio-acquisition fund
- East Ventures, Sinar Mas Digital Ventures and Yahoo Japan in the formation of a joint venture Southeast Asia-focused growth fund equity fund
- Frazier Life Sciences in the formation of an evergreen listed-company fund
- Health2047 in the formation of a healthcare-focused VC fund
- Mayfield Fund in the formation an India-focused VC fund
- ND Capital in the formation of a US-focused opportunities fund and mid-stage VC fund
- Oxford Angels in the formation of an angels fund for Oxford alumni
- S28 in the formation of a SAAS-focused VC fund
- Saama Capital in the formation an India-focused early-stage VC fund
- SBCVC in the formation of a China-focused VC fund and AI-focused Asia fund