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FOCUS AREAS

Aviation
Biotech
Capital Markets
Committee on Foreign
Investment in the United
States (CFIUS)
Communications and
Networking
Corporate
Corporate Governance
Corporate Life Sciences
Data Storage and Cloud
Digital Health
Emerging Companies
Internet
Life Sciences
Medical Devices
Mergers & Acquisitions
Mobile Devices
National Security
NewSpace
Regulatory
Semiconductors
Software

HIGHLIGHTS

- East Coast Corporate Focus**
A founding partner of the Boston office and New England corporate practice, Mark represents public and private growth companies in the life sciences, technology, and national defense sectors at every stage of their development.
- Diverse VC and Capital Markets Practice**
Mark counsels clients on private placements and public offerings; mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures; venture capital and private equity transactions; joint ventures and strategic alliances; corporate governance; and regulatory compliance, among other matters.
- Thought Leadership**
He is a frequent speaker and lecturer on corporate and securities topics, including company formation and founders issues; angel and venture financing terms; entrepreneurship; initial public offerings; and updates to securities laws and regulations.
- A Recognized Practitioner**
Mark is consistently recognized as a leader in his field by *Chambers USA*.

EXPERIENCE

Mark Fitzgerald is a corporate and securities partner in the Boston office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. He joined the firm in 2000 to help open its first East Coast office in the Mid-Atlantic region. In early 2016, he returned to Massachusetts as a founding partner of the firm's Boston office and New England corporate practice.

Mark's practice focuses on the representation of public and private growth companies in the life sciences, technology, and national defense sectors at every stage of their development. He has counseled clients on a wide variety of matters, including private placements and public offerings of equity, debt, and convertible securities; mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures; angel, bridge, and seed financings; venture capital and private equity transactions; joint ventures and strategic alliances; corporate governance and fiduciary duties; regulatory compliance; complex cross-border transactions; and other general corporate and securities law issues. He is a frequent speaker and lecturer on corporate and securities topics, including company formation and founders issues; angel and venture financing terms; entrepreneurship; initial public offerings; and updates to securities laws and regulations. Mark also advises clients on government funding, contracting, and subcontracting matters, including government grants, compliance with federal acquisition regulations, security clearance matters, and the mitigation of foreign ownership, control, or influence issues for clients with classified contracts.

Recognized by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* for his skills in advising early-stage companies in the life sciences, technology, and defense sectors across the full start-up lifecycle, sources describe Mark as a “very practical and technical lawyer who gives great business advice.”

From 1987 to 1992, Mark served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at the Electronic Systems Center at Hanscom Air Force Base in Massachusetts, where he conducted antenna and semiconductor research as an electrical engineer and later managed information technology defense contracts. From 1992 to 2017, Mark continued to serve in the U.S. Air Force Reserve in a variety of assignments, including government contracts matters, while serving as a member of the Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps. Mark retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve as a colonel.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., University of Chicago Law School, 1996
- M.B.A., Finance and Accounting, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, 1996
- B.S., Electrical Engineering, U.S. Air Force Academy, 1987
With Distinction

Honors

- Named among the top corporate/M&A attorneys in the 2012-2023 editions of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*
- Selected for inclusion in the 2008 "Smart Lawyers" list of "go-to legal minds in Greater Washington" and 2009 "Legal Elite" list for corporate securities and finance law by *SmartCEO Magazine*, November 2008 and December 2009, respectively
- Recipient, Reginald C. Harmon Award for Outstanding Air Force Reserve Judge Advocate of the Year, 2003

Admissions

- State Bar of Massachusetts
- State Bar of Connecticut
- Bar of the District of Columbia
- Virginia State Bar
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office