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FOCUS AREAS

Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
Blockchain and Cryptocurrency
Corporate
Digital Media and Entertainment
Electronic Gaming
Emerging Companies and Venture Capital
Fintech and Financial Services
Mergers & Acquisitions
Special Purpose Acquisition Companies (SPACs)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Trusted Advisor to Early-Stage and Late-Stage Emerging Companies**
Jonathan serves as corporate counsel to early-stage and late-stage venture backed companies, with a focus on AI, crypto, fintech, and video game companies.
- Former Gaming Executive and Start-Up Co-founder Experience**
Before joining Wilson Sonsini, Jonathan was a co-founder and COO of a venture-backed investment platform for video games and, prior to that, served as a senior director of business development at Electronic Arts.
- Counsel to Web3 and Blockchain Companies and Investors**
He advises dozens of companies that work with blockchains, digital assets, and distributed networks, and assists them with financing transactions, token transactions, and corporate structuring.

EXPERIENCE

Jonathan Chan is a corporate partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati who represents founders and venture-backed start-ups and technology companies. Jonathan guides clients through venture capital financings and merger and acquisition transactions, leveraging his previous experience as a venture-backed co-founder and business executive. With his prior background at Electronic Arts and a fintech and crypto start-up, Jonathan covers the gaming and digital entertainment, fintech and crypto, and AI sectors.

In between his time at Wilson Sonsini, Jonathan was a co-founder, COO, and board member of Fig, a venture-backed investment platform that provided over \$15 million in funding for independent game developers and was later acquired by Republic. His experience in crypto began in 2017 when Fig began development of a blockchain-based game publishing platform integrating in-game NFTs.

Jonathan was also previously a senior director of business development and business affairs at Electronic Arts, leading dozens of commercial transactions and partnerships in distribution, platforms, and publishing.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., Harvard Law School
Editor, Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review
- B.A., Economics and Political Science, Rice University
Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Associations and Memberships

- Board member, Mission Bit (2023-2025)
- Certificate Programs: Economics of Blockchain and Digital Assets (Wharton School 2022); Designing and Building AI Products (MIT xPro 2023)

Admissions

- State Bar of California

CLIENTS

Select Clients

Artificial Intelligence/Robotics

- AI Squared, Arc, Asari, Bear Robotics, Concierge, DataPelago, Edge AI, Flawless, Foundation Robotics, LGND, Palo AI, Pixelwise.ai (acquired by Amazon), Provocative Science, Pyrra (acquired by AlertMedia), Regie, Runware, Sedai, SkyHive (acquired by Cornerstone OnDemand), Tiny Fish, and Vorto

Fintech/Crypto

- Abound, Aghanim, Artemis.xyz, Beam, Cleva, dYdX, Espresso Systems, Inco, Flexa, Lagrange, Latitude Global, Orange DAO, Pantera Capital, Pluvo and Polygon Labs

Digital Entertainment/Games

- Azra Games, Circle Games, GameBeast, Illumix, Kero Gaming, Kرافton, Legion Studios, Loftia, Makers Fund, Operative Games, Plutus, Ramen VR, Sans String, Sloyd, Tiny Comet (acquired by Altera), Venn, and several a16z Speedrun companies

Venture Capital Funds

- LMNT Ventures, Makers Fund, Pantera Capital, and SemperVirens Venture Capital

INSIGHTS

Select Publications

- Co-author, "Enhanced Protection for DeFi Lenders, Buyers, and Investors Under Recent and New UCC Amendments," Wilson Sonsini Advisory, October 13, 2025
- Co-author, "Video Game NFTs: Top Legal Considerations for Developers," Wilson Sonsini Alert, February 10, 2022

Select Speaking Engagements

Jonathan has been an invited mentor and speaker at several start up incubators and accelerators, including Founder University, Berkeley SkyDeck, UCLA Anderson Venture Accelerator, and Caltech.

Jonathan has been an invited speaker on venture capital financings, AI, video games, and blockchain technology at various events, including:

- Speaker, “AI Meets Hollywood” with Amino Capital, LA TechWeek, October 2025
- Speaker, Caltech, “Legal Basics for AI Startups,” October 2025
- Speaker, “Advanced Venture Capital,” Practising Law Institute, October 2024
- Speaker, “Generative AI Panel,” Kiln Coworking Space, Park City, UT, October 2024
- Moderator, “Venture Velocity: Propelling Early Stage Innovators in LA,” June 2024
- Speaker, VC Day - Chicago, June 2024
- Speaker and mentor, UCLA Anderson Venture Accelerator, April 2024
- Speaker, Blockchain Innovators Forum in Berkeley, April 2024
- Speaker, BITKRAFT Ventures 2023 Summit, Lisbon, Portugal, 2023
- Moderator, “Future of AI,” Family Office Forum, Palo Alto, California, 2023
- Speaker, “Crypto Updates: Regulations, Taxation and Industry Trends,” presented with Andersen Tax, 2023
- Speaker, “Compliance for Tokens: Opportunities and Risk Management,” presented with Teknos Associates, 2023
- Speaker, “Venture Capital 2023: Nuts and Bolts,” Practising Law Institute, 2023
- Panelist, “Staying Warm Through Crypto Winter,” Consensus by CoinDesk, Austin, Texas, 2023
- Panelist, “Keeping It Legal,” TechCrunch Crypto, Miami, Florida, 2022
- Speaker, “Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs) 101: A Primer on Spotting Legal Issues,” The Bar Association of San Francisco, 2022