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FOCUS AREAS

Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
Blockchain and Cryptocurrency
Corporate
Digital Media and Entertainment
Electronic Gaming
Emerging Companies
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 various early stage and late stage emerging growth companies, with a focus on fintech, blockchain, AI, 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 partner in the corporate practice at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. He represents early and late-stage venture-backed technology companies, including in venture capital transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and public offerings. Jonathan particularly represents many companies in the crypto, fintech, games, digital entertainment, and AI sectors.

From 2015 to 2019, Jonathan was a co-founder and COO of Fig, a venture-backed investment platform that raised over \$15 million in funding for independent game developers and was later acquired by Republic. Prior to co-founding Fig, Jonathan was 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
- Certificate Programs: Economics of Blockchain and Digital Assets (Wharton School 2022); Designing and Building AI Products (MIT xPro 2023)

Admissions

- State Bar of California

MATTERS

Select Transactions

Web3/Blockchain

Over 50 crypto, web3, and blockchain companies and investors in financing transactions involving digital assets, token warrants and token purchase agreements, offshore structuring and token generation events, including:

- dYdX, Pantera Capital, Orange DAO, Lagrange Labs, Inco, Hyperline, Storm Labs (Cove), Flexa, Circle Ventures, Collar Protocol, Artemis.xyz, Aspecta, Frens.lol, Golden Protocol, Gridless, GCRx, Lava.xyz, MEM Protocol, OnePiece Labs, OpenPool, Playground.ooo, Quantum Temple, Sol Sniper, Synquote, and XNET

Digital Entertainment/Games

- Krafton, Makers Fund, Azra Games, Gallium Studios (Will Wright, Lauren Elliott), Illumix, Legion Studios, Untamed Planet, Block Tackle (SkateX), Inkarnate, Kero Gaming, Fanverse, Tiny Comet, Treasury.space, The Mix Games and several a16z Speedrun companies

Artificial Intelligence

- Regie, Asari AI, Concierge AI, Lumino AI, Rowsie AI, Tiny Fish, Bear Robotics, Learn.xyz, Pyrra, Zeblok, PicFinder, Sloyd and Yakoa

Fintech

- Aghanim, Altruist, Beam, Cleva, Fennel, Jerry and Xsolla

INSIGHTS

Select Publications

- 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, Beta University, Iterative Ventures Incubator, and OnePiece Labs Incubator.

Jonathan has been an invited speaker on the representation of emerging growth companies, venture capital financings and blockchain technology and digital assets at various events held by TechCrunch Crypto, The Bar Association of San Francisco, The Asian American Bar Association of San Francisco, Sand Hill Angels, Girlup Entrepreneur, and also:

- 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," Practical 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