

Brian K. Beard
PARTNER EMERITUS

EXPERIENCE

Brian Beard retired as a partner from Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in March 2017. Brian joined the firm in 2002 from the Austin office of Gunderson Dettmer Stough Villeneuve Franklin & Hachigian, LLP, which he co-founded in 1997.

During his tenure at the firm, Brian practiced corporate and securities law with a focus on the representation of start-up and emerging growth companies, issuers and underwriters involved in public offerings, and companies involved in merger and acquisition transactions. Brian helped build one of the leading technology practices in Texas, assisting emerging growth companies raise billions of dollars in private and public offerings. He also handled several billion dollars in mergers and acquisitions transactions and represented leading venture capital firms in Texas and throughout the country.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., University of Iowa, 1990
- B.A., Economics, University of Illinois, 1987

Honors

- Selected for inclusion in the 2010-2017 editions of *Best Lawyers in America*
- Recognized in *Texas Super Lawyers* in 2010-2017
- Named to "Lawdragon 500 Leading Dealmakers" list in 2007
- Named to "Lawdragon 500 New Stars, New Worlds" list in 2006
- Listed in the 2006-2016 editions of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*

INSIGHTS

Select Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, Yale University Start-Up Boot Camp 2009, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, November 3, 2009