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FOCUS AREAS

Biotech
Capital Markets
Corporate
Corporate Governance
Corporate Life Sciences
Electronic Gaming
Emerging Companies and
Venture Capital
Life Sciences
Mergers & Acquisitions
Public Company
Representation
Software
Special Purpose Acquisition
Companies (SPACs)

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Represents Technology Leaders**
Michael has represented innovative companies in transactional matters, including IPOs and other securities offerings; corporate governance and disclosure matters; M&A deals; and venture-backed investments.
- **Broad Industry Experience**
Michael has represented leading companies in several sectors, including the cloud computing, social media, online gaming, networking, data security, life sciences, semiconductor, consumer, energy and financial industries.
- **International Experience and Fluency**
Early in his legal career, Michael spent time in Singapore. He also speaks Thai.

EXPERIENCE

Michael Coke is a partner at Wilson Sonsini, where his practice focuses on a wide variety of corporate, securities, and related matters, primarily for technology companies.

Michael's practice spans the full range of corporate transactions, including representing clients in connection with initial public offerings and other securities offerings, corporate governance and disclosure matters, mergers and acquisitions, and venture-backed private financings. He also has experience advising on secondary market transactions for institutional purchasers. Michael has worked on matters in numerous technology and other industries, including cloud computing software and services, social media and online gaming, network services and devices, data security, biotechnology and life sciences, semiconductor, consumer products, media, public utilities, clean technology, natural resources, insurance, and finance.

Michael has been with the firm since 2006. He started his legal career in New York and Singapore, focusing on public and private offerings of equity, equity-linked securities, and investment-grade and high-yield debt, on both the company and the underwriter side, in addition to mergers and acquisitions and other corporate matters. He also spent six months on secondment to the legal department of JPMorgan Chase Bank's Singapore branch. Michael speaks Thai.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- Certificate, Sustainable Capitalism and ESG Online, UC Berkeley School of Law, 2021
- J.D., Stanford Law School, 1997
Member, Stanford Law Review

- B.A., Political Economy/Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, 1992
Phi Beta Kappa; Junior Year Abroad, Chiang Mai University, Thailand

Admissions

- State Bar of California
- State Bar of New York

INSIGHTS

Select Publications

- Contributor with E. Hill, *A Guide to Secondary Transactions: Alternative Paths to Liquidity in Private Companies*, Saints Capital Services, LLC, 2010
- "Success in the Form of an IPO: A Brief Case Study of A123 Systems, Inc.," *Nanotechnology Law & Business*, Issue 6.4, 2009