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FOCUS AREAS

Capital Markets
Consumer Products and Services
Corporate
Corporate Governance
Data Storage and Cloud
Digital Health
Emerging Companies and Venture Capital
Mergers & Acquisitions
Software

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Counsel to Entrepreneurs**
Lianna advises entrepreneurs on formation, equity structures, corporate governance, and employment matters.
- **Capital Markets Expertise**
Lianna regularly represents issuers and underwriters in connection with initial public offerings and other capital market transactions.
- **A Recognized Practitioner**
Lianna is consistently named to the "Rising Stars" list published by *Northern California Super Lawyers*.

EXPERIENCE

Lianna Whittleton is a partner in the Palo Alto office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. Her practice focuses on corporate and securities work for both public and private companies across all stages of growth, from early-stage start-up companies to pre-IPO companies to public companies. Lianna counsels entrepreneurs on formation, equity structures, corporate governance, and employment matters. She also regularly represents issuers and underwriters in connection with initial public offerings and other capital market transactions.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., The George Washington University Law School, 2009
- B.A., International Relations and Political Science, University of Southern California, 2005

Associations and Memberships

- Member, American Bar Association

Honors

- Named to the 2014-2018 editions of the "Rising Stars" list published by *Northern California Super Lawyers*

Admissions

- State Bar of California

MATTERS

Select Transactions

- Roblox in its direct listing
- Sumo Logic in its initial public offering
- Livongo in its initial public offering
- SurveyMonkey in its initial public offering
- Zscaler in its initial public offering
- Nutanix in its initial public offering
- Goldman Sachs in the initial public offering of Zuora
- Livongo in its follow-on public offering
- Talend in its follow-on public offering
- Nutanix in its PIPE offering
- Zscaler in its convertible notes offering under Rule 144
- Livongo in its convertible notes offering under Rule 144
- Nutanix in its convertible notes offering under Rule 144

INSIGHTS

Select Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, “Financial Reporting & Investor Relations,” 2026 Spring IPO Bootcamp, Nasdaq Entrepreneurial Center webinar, May 27, 2026
- Panelist, “Preparing for and Staying on Track for Your IPO,” Winter 2024 IPO Bootcamp, Nasdaq Entrepreneurial Center webinar, December 11, 2024
- Panelist, “Executing Your IPO,” Spring 2024 IPO Bootcamp, Nasdaq Entrepreneurial Center webinar, April 17, 2024
- Panelist, “IPO Readiness,” 2023 Exit Bootcamp, Nasdaq Entrepreneurial Center webinar, June 14, 2023
- Speaker, “Advanced Venture Capital 2021,” Practising Law Institute, October 26, 2021
- Breakout Networking and Roundtable Discussion Lead, “Key Learnings & Direct Listings Overview,” TechGC SPAC & Direct Listing Virtual Forum, February 4, 2021