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FOCUS AREAS

Biotech
Capital Markets
Clean Energy
Consumer Products and Services
Corporate
Corporate Governance
Digital Media and Entertainment
Internet
Mergers & Acquisitions
Private Equity
Special Purpose Acquisition Companies (SPACs)

EXPERIENCE

Katherine H. Ku is a corporate and securities partner in the Los Angeles office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. She represents both public and private companies and private equity funds in a variety of corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, equity and debt financings, and joint ventures. Kathy also advises clients on corporate governance and securities compliance matters. In addition, she has experience representing special committees of boards of directors in connection with buy-out matters.

Kathy is recognized in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, where sources describe her as "brilliant" attorney who is "in total command throughout the process" and "very in-tune with the technical aspects involved in complex deals."

Prior to joining the firm, Kathy was a corporate partner in the Los Angeles office of Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP.

Following her graduation from law school, Kathy served as a law clerk on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2003-2004) and for Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the U.S. Supreme Court (2004-2005).

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., UCLA School of Law, 2003
Order of the Coif; Editor-in-Chief, UCLA Law Review
- B.A., History and Literature, Harvard University, 1996
Cum Laude

Associations and Memberships

- Member, Board of Directors, Bet Tzedek
- Member, Board of Directors, Town Hall - Los Angeles

Honors

- Honored among the 2023 "Women Leaders in Tech Law" by *The Recorder*
- Recognized in 2022 as one of the "Top 100 Lawyers" in Los Angeles by the *Los Angeles Business Journal*
- Recognized among the *Daily Journal's* "Top Women Lawyers" for 2022
- Recognized in the 2021-2023 editions of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*

Admissions

- State Bar of California

MATTERS

Representative Matters

- Represented the owner of *The Los Angeles Times* in the sale of *The San Diego Union-Tribune* to Alden Global Capital
- Represented Weee! in its Series E financing
- Represented Pensando Systems in its acquisition by AMD
- Represented Sarcos in its de-SPAC transaction with Rotor Acquisition Corp.
- Represented Lyft in the sale of its self-driving car division to Woven Planet Holdings, a Toyota subsidiary
- Represented Lyft in its collaboration with Argo AI and Ford Motor Company
- Represented Electriphi in its sale to Ford Motor Company
- Represented Careem in its sale to Uber
- Represented Air Lease Corporation in its initial public offering
- Represented BDT Capital Partners LLC in its investment in Cox Automotive as part of Cox's acquisition of Dealertrack Technologies
- Represented Berkshire Hathaway in its acquisition of Duracell from Procter & Gamble
- Represented Eagle Cliff Partners and Emerging Impact Fund in venture capital investments
- Represented Guardian Industries in its recapitalization, and minority equity investment and subsequent acquisition by Koch Industries
- Represented Internet Brands Inc. in its initial public offering, subsequent sale to Hellman & Friedman, and sale to KKR
- Represented senior executives of Petco in the acquisition of control of the company by CVC Capital Partners and the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board

INSIGHTS

Select Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, "Intro & Overview: M&A Market by the Numbers," M&A Bootcamp, Nasdaq Entrepreneurial Center, February 16, 2022
- Panelist, "Traditional IPOs v. SPACs," Wilson Sonsini's 28th Annual Medical Device Conference, June 25, 2021
- Panelist, "Overview of the M&A Market," M&A Bootcamp: The Ultimate Guide to Mergers & Acquisitions for Start-Ups, Nasdaq Entrepreneurial Center, April 21, 2021