

Sean Semmler

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FOCUS AREAS

Corporate
Emerging Companies and
Venture Capital
Mergers & Acquisitions
U.S. Expansion

HIGHLIGHTS

- **The Market-Leading U.S. Expansion Group**
Sean helps lead Wilson Sonsini's U.S. Expansion Group, advising tech and life sciences companies from all over the world on raising U.S. capital and expanding their businesses into U.S. markets.
- **A Leader in Legal Tech**
Sean specializes in developing tools to automate various legal tasks within the firm.
- **Entrepreneurial Experience**
During his undergraduate studies, Sean co-founded a start-up based in the Research Triangle area. Sean interned at an artificial intelligence company in San Francisco, California, before coming to work at Wilson Sonsini.
- **Tech Fluency**
Sean is knowledgeable in all areas of emerging technology, including blockchain, artificial intelligence, and fintech.

EXPERIENCE

Sean Semmler is the lead U.S. Expansion Counsel at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich Rosati, where he advises start-ups, scale-ups, and other high-growth companies from all over the world throughout their U.S. lifecycle, including their U.S. launch, expansion, fundraising, partnerships, M&A, and IPO. Sean has advised hundreds of clients on a range of issues, including entity formation, EIN applications, regulatory compliance, and ongoing corporate governance.

Sean is also experienced in venture capital and M&A. He has counseled emerging growth companies and venture firms from all over the world. Sean has worked on dozens of M&A transactions in the past few years, advising companies on both the buy and sell sides of international transactions, strategic mergers and business combinations, and business and asset acquisitions.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., Duke University School of Law, 2018
Content Editor, Duke Law & Technology Review; Co-Founder, Duke Law & Technology Society; Recipient, Dehoff/Arnold Endowed Law Scholarship; Recipient, Dunspaugh-Dalton Law Scholarship
- B.A. History and Peace, War, and Defense, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2014
Dean's List

Honors

- Member, 2020 Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll

Admissions

- Bar of the District of Columbia
- State Bar of Maryland
- State Bar of North Carolina

INSIGHTS

Select Publications

- "Artificial Intelligence: Application Today and Implications Tomorrow," *Duke Law & Technology Review*, Vol. 16, No. 1, 2017
- Co-author with Prof. L. Reiners and R. Clements, "Why a Bitcoin Bubble is a Good Thing," *The FinReg Blog*, December 5, 2017
- Co-author with Prof. L. Reiners and R. Clements, "The Case for a Cryptocurrency Market Bubble," *The FinReg Blog*, November 22, 2017

Select Speaking Engagements

- Sean has given several presentations on the intersection of law and technology to student organizations at Duke University, and has presented on the regulatory hurdles that face blockchain and crypto companies at Duke's FUQUA School of Business.