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FOCUS AREAS

Corporate
Corporate Governance
Emerging Companies and
Venture Capital
Mergers & Acquisitions

EXPERIENCE

Sam Obenhaus is a corporate and securities partner in the New York office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. Sam advises venture-backed technology companies at all stages of development—from seed-stage start-ups to unicorns raising hundreds of millions of dollars—through private financings, strategic transactions, and mergers and acquisitions.

Known for his entrepreneurial and commercial-minded approach, Sam combines deep legal expertise with hands-on deal execution. He has negotiated venture capital rounds on behalf of leading technology companies, including investments led by top-tier firms such as Sequoia, Accel, a16z, Greylock, Kleiner Perkins, and Thrive, among many others. Sam has also negotiated strategic investments on behalf of his clients by leading incumbent technology companies, including Amazon, Microsoft, and AMD.

Beyond capital raises, Sam serves as external general counsel to his clients, advising on a range of strategic and operational legal matters. He is known for his responsiveness, ability to simplify complex legal challenges, and talent for getting deals done—guiding entrepreneurs from initial company formation through liquidity events.

Prior to joining the firm, Sam worked in the mergers and acquisitions departments of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP and Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., Georgetown University Law Center
Cum Laude
- B.A., Colgate University

Admissions

- State Bar of New York

MATTERS

Representative Venture Capital Transactions:

- Luma AI in its \$43 Series B financing and \$900 million Series C financing
- Temporal Technologies in multiple financing transactions, including its \$100 million Series B financing, \$146 million Series C financing, and \$300 million Series D financing
- Perk Group (formerly TravelPerk) in multiple financing transactions, including its \$200 million Series E financing
- Profound in its \$35 million Series B financing and \$96 million Series C financing
- Assured Insurance Technologies in multiple financing transactions

- WarpStream Labs in its \$20 million Series B financing and its sale to Confluent
- Elyos AI in its \$13 million Series A financing