OVERVIEW

For more than six decades, Wilson Sonsini has had a sophisticated, comprehensive corporate finance practice, representing innovative clients at all stages of growth, from venture capital financings for start-up companies to public offerings and structured finance deals for publicly held, multinational corporations.

At every step, the firm has worked with top financial services institutions that provided valuable support to companies undertaking important financial transactions, both in the private and public equity markets. As a result, Wilson Sonsini developed strong relationships with venture capital and private equity firms, as well as investment banks. For example, we’ve worked closely with Andreessen Horowitz, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Goldman Sachs, J.P. Morgan, Kleiner Perkins, Morgan Stanley, Sequoia Capital, and Silver Lake Partners, to name a few.

A perennial leader among law firms advising issuers in capital markets transactions, Wilson Sonsini is also among the top underwriter legal advisors in the U.S., based on the number of initial public offerings and other public offerings in which we have been involved. Wilson Sonsini is also a clear leader in representing business enterprises and investment banks in high-yield note, convertible note, convertible exchangeable preferred stock, and trust-preferred securities transactions.

In recent years, as the leading law firm provider to technology companies, the number of clients Wilson Sonsini represents in the financial services sector has expanded to include companies harnessing innovative, disruptive technologies such as securities and loan trading platforms, crowdfunding platforms, peer-lending platforms, virtual currency platforms, payment systems, and other fintech participants.

At the heart of our work in this area is compliance. We advise companies with financial products and services on the requirements of federal statutes, such as the Investment Company Act of 1940 (‘40 Act), and other statutory guidelines enforced by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), and the Federal Reserve Board.

With more than 900 attorneys, Wilson Sonsini provides financial services clients with representation in a broad range of areas, including:

- Antitrust
- Corporate Governance
- Employee Benefits and Compensation
- Employment Litigation
- Finance and Structured Finance
- Fintech
- Intellectual Property
- Litigation
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Payment Systems
- Real Estate
- Regulatory and Compliance
- Tax and Tax Equity
- Technology Transactions