

Chris Boyd

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EXPERIENCE

Chris Boyd is the chief operating officer at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where he oversees the teams responsible for attorney recruiting; diversity and inclusion; human resources; knowledge management; marketing and business development, practice management; professional development; research services; and work allocation programs. He also focuses on ensuring these functions are aligned internally and effectively support the business plans of the firm, its departments, and practice groups.

Chris previously was a corporate and securities associate at Wilson Sonsini, representing technology and life science companies. In this role, he handled numerous initial public offerings, venture financings, and acquisitions for his clients. Chris left the practice of law in 1997 and led knowledge management programs at several companies before returning to the firm in 2001.

Following graduation from law school, Chris served as a law clerk for the Honorable Melvin Brunetti of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Prior to law school, Chris worked as a management consultant.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., Stanford Law School, 1992
- A.B., Princeton University, 1987

Associations and Memberships

- Director, International Legal Technology Association
- Trustee, College of Law Practice Management
- San Francisco Advisory Board member, 10,000 Degrees
- Former Board President, Meritus College Fund; former board member, Professional Development Consortium

Honors

- Recipient of Legalweek's Legal Leaders in Tech Law "Lifetime Achievement" award, 2023
- Recognized as International Legal Technology Association's 2016 "Knowledge Management Professional of the Year"

Admissions

- State Bar of California

INSIGHTS

Recent Publications

- Co-author with Allison Blixt and Jullia Carretta, *The logistical and human challenges of the pandemic – a case study*, a chapter in the Ark Group book *Human Capital in the New Legal Ecosystem*, September 2020
- Co-author with Amy Halverson and Serena Miller, *Embracing Technology and Innovation in Legal Practice*, a chapter in the Practising Law Institute book *An Associate's First Year: A Guide to Thriving at a Law Firm*, edited by Jennifer L. Bluestein, November 2018
- Co-author with Amy Halverson, "Artificial Intelligence in the Law Firm: Implications for Professional Development Priorities and Practices," *PD Quarterly*, August 2017
- Co-author with Jack Bostelman, *Using KM to Increase Profitability*, a chapter in the Ark Group book *The Mechanics of Law Firm Profitability*, November 2016
- Co-author with Mara Nickerson, "11 Ways PD and KM Can Join Forces to Enhance Lawyer Performance," *PD Quarterly*, November 2015

Recent Speaking Engagements

- "So You Want to be a Chief," National Association for Law Placement (NALP) 2023 Annual Education Conference, Vancouver, Canada, April 2023
- "Flex Working and its Talent & Operational Impact: Lessons Learned," National Association for Law Placement (NALP) 2023 Annual Education Conference, Vancouver, Canada, April 2023
- "Operating at the Speed of Change: Strategy at the Intersection of Tech and Talent," Legal Foresight Summit, virtual conference, March 2023
- "Developing an Industry Focus," Ark Law Firm Innovation Summit, virtual conference, November 2021
- "A Sound of Thunder: (Re)establishing COVID-Era Workplace Culture," Thomson Reuters 20th Annual Law Firm COO and CFO Forum, New York, New York, October 2021
- "How to Lead a Knowledge Management Program Through a Recession," ILTACON 2019 conference, Orlando, Florida, August 2019
- "Retaining Women in Law: New Strategies for Engaging and Retaining Women Lawyers," Ark Women Legal 2019 conference, San Francisco, California, February 2019
- "Innovations in Legal Talent Management," Ark Law Firm Innovation Summit, Boston, Massachusetts, November 2018
- "Avoid the Shiny Object: Why the Use Case is More Important than the Technology," Ark Knowledge Management in the Legal Profession, New York, New York, October 2018
- "Sustainable KM: Turning Treadmills Into Windmills," ILTACON 2017 conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, August 2017
- "Tips for Succeeding as a Law Firm Administrator," National Association for Law Placement (NALP) 2017 Annual Education Conference, San Francisco, California, April 2017
- "Using KM to Increase Firm Profitability and Pricing Predictability," *Mechanics of Law Firm Profitability*, San Francisco, California, March 2016