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BIOGRAPHY

Ms. Wood provides corporate and securities counsel to start-up and middle-market companies, and represents issuers, underwriters and venture capitalists in public offerings, corporate governance and periodic reporting, mergers & acquisitions, and early to late-stage equity financings and debt issuances.

Professional Experience

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Wood was the founding General Counsel of a FINRA-registered broker dealer, where she established regulatory and compliance protocols and oversaw legal and operations matters. She also served as Vice President and the first legal officer at Seven Post Partners, an RIA, where she implemented and oversaw legal and compliance programs. Prior to that, Ms. Wood was a senior attorney at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto where she advised public and private technology companies, venture capital funds and investment banks on a wide variety of matters, including private equity and debt financings, public offerings, periodic reporting under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, compliance with SEC, NYSE, and NASDAQ rules and regulations, mergers and acquisitions, and general corporate law matters. Ms. Wood began her legal career at Winstead in Houston, Texas.

Ms. Wood also has experience in charitable giving and non-profit management. She overhauled the Grants and Scholarship programs as the Program Director at the California Bar Foundation, and has served as a Board member and on the grant-making committees for several 501(c)(3) organizations.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented the underwriter of an initial public offering and subsequent public follow-on offering for a pharmaceutical company.
- Represents numerous foreign private issuer in initial public offerings on Nasdaq.
- Represented a public pharmaceutical company in its acquisition of a UK-based drug development company.
- Represented a Silicon Valley semiconductor company in preparation for, and launch of, its initial public offering.
- Represented the lead underwriter in the preparation for a public offering of an entertainment hardware producer.
- Worked as a senior attorney on complex emergence from bankruptcy and restructuring involving a secondary offering and issuance of secured notes for a public hard disk drive company.
- Oversaw multiple complex preferred stock financings and the eventual sale of a private enterprise software company to a large public CRM company.
- Provided counsel on a series of roll-up acquisitions and related Hart-Scott-Rodino filings.
- Represented a large bank in number tax-exempt bond issuances of city agencies and non-profit organizations.

PUBLICATIONS

March 2025: Client Alert: EDGAR Next is Here - What Filers Need to Know About SEC’s New Electronic Filing System December 2024: Client Alert: Nasdaq Board Diversity Disclosure Obligations Overturned October 2023:

Client Alert: SEC Approves Listing Exchange Rules to Adopt Clawback Policies by December 1, 2023
July 2022: Client Alert: California Superior Court Finds SB 826 and AB 979 to be Unconstitutional

BACKGROUND

EDUCATION

University of Texas (B.A. with honors, Phi Betta Kappa, 1994)

New York University School of Law (J.D., 1997)

Accolades & Affiliations

Former State Bar Board of Governors' appointee on Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services

Sustaining member of the San Francisco Ballet Auxiliary