

Practices

Venture Capital and Emerging Growth Companies

Venture Capital

Akerman regularly provides sophisticated, market-knowledgeable, and pragmatic representation to venture capital and growth equity funds in their portfolio investments and the venture arms of strategic investors in their planned areas of growth. Our extensive industry experience ranges the capital stack, from pre-seed and seed, to venture, to growth rounds of financing, across myriad sectors, including tech and cyber, media, healthcare and life sciences, and national security.

Our representations center on consistently staffed, dedicated teams that grow to understand your culture and procedures, enabling us to internalize your concerns as our own concerns and deliver high-quality, efficient representation. We shape transactions with a long-term view of capturing the best possible results from an exit while using economic and governance tools to protect the value of your investment in the near- and medium-terms. Our experience with what comes next and our collaborative culture mean we are more than an advisory partner; we are an extra engine of growth to help drive our clients' success.

Emerging Growth Companies

Akerman counsels companies through all stages of the corporate life cycle, from initial organization and funding through follow-on financing rounds, transformational M&A transactions, and liquidity

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events. Clients benefit from our multidisciplinary, teams-based approach, which brings together lawyers from across the firm who understand the mission-critical decisions facing the Board and management and are familiar with each client's products, technology, and business model.

Our practice is at the intersection of creation and investment, and our lawyers are heavily invested in the start-up space. The firm's resources are made available to all founders and other executives who engage the firm. For example, we invite clients to networking events, tutorials, and other programs covering various subjects designed to help entrepreneurs cultivate their own networks, build productive relationships with others in the entrepreneurial ecosystem, and raise funds. Drawing on deep relationships with leading angel investors and venture capital and growth equity firms, as well as other company-side advisors and supporters of those businesses, our lawyers connect our clients with parties across the ecosystem to help our clients reach the next plateau.

What We Do

- Entity formation
- Venture capital financing, including seed capital through subsequent venture rounds (company- and investor-sides)
- Growth equity financing and other later-stage non-control transactions (company- and investor-sides)
- Recapitalizations, reorganizations, and other non-ordinary course transactions
- Secondary purchases and sales of securities (stand-alone or as a component of capital raises)
- Exit transactions and other liquidity events (including M&A, IPOs and other asset dispositions)
- Corporate law and governance advice

- Full array of subject matter expertise for transactions and the provision of general counsel services (e.g., employment, intellectual property, tax, data privacy and protection, real estate, technology, environmental, and regulatory, among others)