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Curtis Mo is recognized as a leading corporate and securities lawyer in Silicon Valley.

Curtis has represented emerging growth companies, major public companies, investment banks, venture capital funds and private equity funds in hundreds of public offerings, mergers and acquisitions, buyouts, venture capital financings and other complex transactions. He has extensive experience in corporate governance matters and regularly acts as general outside counsel to public and private companies at all stages of development, particularly in the technology, life sciences, clean energy technology and consumer sectors.

EXPERIENCE

Among Curtis' clients have been such companies as Cisco Systems, Digital Island, Doubletree Hotels, E*TRADE Group, JetBlue Airways, Restoration Hardware, and many top-tier investment banks and venture capital funds.

He has handled pro bono projects that have had significant impact on the technology sector, including the spin-off of Firefox from Mozilla, the establishment of the Wordpress Foundation, and the creation of the Internet of Things Consortium (the IoT) and the Association of Digital Asset Managers (ADAM).

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- California
- New York

Prior Experience

RELATED SERVICES

- Corporate
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Capital Markets
- Private Equity
- Public Company and Corporate Governance
- Finance
- Employment
- Tax
- Debt Finance
- Debt Capital Markets
- Global Investment Funds
- Investigations
- Technology Transactions and Strategic Sourcing

RELATED SECTORS

- Life Sciences
- Technology
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Insurance

Curtis was the founding and managing partner of the Palo Alto office of two different national law firms, and co-chair of the Corporate group in Silicon Valley for a third.

Recognitions

- *Chambers USA* has recognized Curtis as a leader in Corporate/M&A: Deals in Asia and in Corporate/M&A: Venture Capital. Chambers commented that he is "a respected figure in the financing of emerging growth companies, both within the USA and abroad." He "maintains a notable China-based cross-border practice" and is well recognized for his technology, "biotech and cleantech expertise." Clients called him "a dynamic individual who has his finger on the pulse of the industry," "extremely dedicated and extremely hard-working," as well as "willing to go the extra mile." He "'understands financing in the Valley: how to pitch to potential investors, what is practically negotiable, how to 'get through' Silicon Valley.'" He is highly regarded in venture capital matters, [clients have highlighted] his ability to strategize, along with his 'intelligence, creativity, initiative and coolness under extreme pressure'"
- *The Legal 500 United States* has repeatedly recognized him for his venture capital and emerging companies practice. He is "well connected," "highly reputed" and has been revered as "experienced and simply fantastic." Legal 500 also hailed Curtis' arrival at DLA Piper as "game changing"
- *M&A Advisor* 2013 Award for Technology, Media, Telecom dealmaking (under \$100 mm)—Acquisition of *Cooking.com* by *Target Corporation*
- *San Jose* magazine, Top Lawyers in Silicon Valley
- *San Jose/Silicon Valley Business Journal*, Who's Who, 2008
- AlwaysOn: "100 Top Deal Makers of 2008" list
- *American Lawyer* "Dealmaker of the Year," 2003
- *California Law Business* "Top 20 Lawyers in the State of California under the Age of 40"
- IPO Vital Signs, Top 100 IPO Lawyers

Education

- J.D., Columbia University School of Law
- B.A., Columbia University

Memberships

- Board Member, Blue Planet Network
- Board of Directors, Silicon Valley Network

INSIGHTS

Curtis has lectured extensively at seminars sponsored by the Practising Law Institute and other professional groups, and has given expert legal commentary on emerging growth companies and the technology sector for CNN Moneyline, CNBC Business Center and various publications.

Events

Previous

All Things Crypto: The Evolving Landscape

7 NOV 2018
New York

ACC-SFBA Corporate Securities Committee Meeting

4 OCT 2018
ACC-SFBA Corporate Securities Committee Meeting
Palo Alto

ACC-SFBA Corporate Securities Committee Meeting

3 OCT 2018
ACC-SFBA Corporate Securities Committee Meeting
San Francisco

- Founder and Chair, Practising Law Institute's Silicon Valley Corporate Law Update: Start-Ups, Financings, IPOs, M&A, Palo Alto (2012 - 2015)
- Founder and Co-chair, PLI's Venture Capital conferences; Co-chair, Annual Institute on Securities Regulation (2001 – 2006)
- Advisory Board, Annual Securities Regulation Institute in San Diego

NEWS

DLA Piper advises BTIG as financial advisor to PAO TMK in US\$1.2 billion sale of IPSCO Tubulars

26 APR 2019
DLA Piper advised BTIG, LLC as financial advisor to PAO TMK, a Russian manufacturer of steel pipe, in its US\$1.2 billion sale of IPSCO Tubulars Inc. to Tenaris, S.A.

DLA Piper advises Gener8 in its acquisition by Sverica Capital Management

21 SEP 2018
DLA Piper represented Gener8, LLC, a designer and manufacturer of life science instrumentations and medical devices headquartered in Sunnyvale, California, in its acquisition by private equity firm Sverica Capital Management LP.
