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Kerra Melvin's practice focuses on securities and corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions and general corporate counseling, with an emphasis on the representation of emerging growth companies and venture capital firms.

In addition to advising clients on general corporate governance matters, Kerra has experience in corporate formations, venture capital financings, mergers and acquisitions, public offerings and venture capital fund formation and operational matters. Kerra represents early stage, venture-backed and public companies, as well as venture capital funds and other corporate investors and acquirers.

- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Global Investment Funds
- Capital Markets

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Nexvet Biopharma (Nasdaq: NVET) in its US\$40 million initial public offering
- Adaptive Biotechnologies, Inc. in its acquisition of Sequentia, Inc.
- The underwriters in the US\$82 million initial public offering for Trupanion (NYSE: TRUP)
- Avalara, Inc. in its acquisition of the line of Zytax energy-related tax automation solutions
- A biotechnology company in its US\$60 million common stock financing
- Avalara, Inc. in its US\$30 million Series D preferred stock financing

Admissions

- Washington

Prior Experience

Previously, Kerra worked as a Summer Associate at DLA Piper.

Kerra also served as a legal extern with the IRS Office of Chief Counsel, as a law clerk with the United States Department of Justice—Tax Division and as a tax research assistant for the United States Senate Finance Committee.

Education

- J.D., University of Washington School of Law 2013
with honors
Editor in Chief, *Washington Journal of Law, Technology & Arts*
- B.S., Business and Information Technology, Montana Tech of The University of Montana 2009
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INSIGHTS

Publications

- "Technology, Travel Companies & Taxation: Should Expedia Be Required to Collect and Remit State Occupancy Taxes on Profits from Facilitating Hotel Room Rentals?," 8 Wash. J.L. Tech. & Arts 43 (2012)
- Co-author, "Understanding Section 280G and Golden Parachute Payments," *The Venture Alley* (September 5, 2012)

NEWS

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2021

28 April 2021

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 44 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2021 in the United States and May 1, 2021 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions have been made across many of the firm's practice areas in 33 different offices throughout 17 countries.

DLA Piper advises Ekata in its US\$850 million acquisition by Mastercard

21 April 2021

DLA Piper represented Ekata, Inc. in its agreement to be acquired by Mastercard for US\$850 million.

DLA Piper advises Stratos Genomics in its acquisition by Roche

26 May 2020

DLA Piper represented Seattle-based Stratos Genomics, an early-stage sequencing technology company, in its acquisition by biotechnology company Roche.
