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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.

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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 IoTC) and the Association of Digital Asset Managers (ADAM).

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## Admissions

- California
- New York

## Prior Experience

- 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

- 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*
  - Band 4, California Venture Capital (2018-2022)
  - Band 4, California Corporate/M&A: Venture Capital (2012-2017)
  - Band 3, California Corporate/M&A: Deals in Asia (2012)
- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Leading Lawyer, Venture Capital & Emerging Companies (2022)
  - Leading Lawyer, M&A/Corporate and Commercial Venture Capital & Emerging Companies (2021)
  - Recommended, Media, Technology, Telecoms: Fintech (2020)
  - Recommended, M&A/Corporate and Commercial Venture Capital & Emerging Companies (2015, 2018-2019)
  - Recommended, Finance Capital Markets Equity Offerings – Advice to Managers (2016-2017)
- *M&A Advisor* Award for Technology, Media, Telecom dealmaking (under $100 mm)—Acquisition of *Cooking.com* by *Target Corporation* (2013)
- Top Lawyers in Silicon Valley, *San Jose magazine*
- Who's Who, *San Jose/Silicon Valley Business Journal* (2008)
- AlwaysOn: "100 Top Deal Makers" list (2008)
- "Dealmaker of the Year" award, *American Lawyer* (2003)
- "Top 20 Lawyers in the State of California under the Age of 40," *California Law Business*
- 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

**DLA Piper talks technology: BetterBeta and beyond**

9 October 2020 | 2:00 - 2:30 EDT
Webinar

- 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 Needham & Co. as underwriter in Blue Ocean Acquisition Corp's upsized US$165 million IPO

7 December 2021
DLA Piper represented Needham & Company, LLC as the sole underwriter in Blue Ocean Acquisition Corp's initial public offering of 16,500,000 units for an aggregate offering price of $165,000,000.

### DLA Piper advises Oppenheimer & Co. as underwriter in PepperLime Health Acquisition Corporation's US$150 million IPO

15 October 2021
DLA Piper represented Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. as underwriter in PepperLime Health Acquisition Corporation's initial public offering of 15,000,000 units at a price of $10.00 per unit.

### DLA Piper advises Tristar Acquisition I Corp. in US$200 million IPO

15 October 2021
DLA Piper represented Tristar Acquisition I Corp. (NYSE:TRIS.U) in its initial public offering of 20,000,000 units at a price of $10 per unit. Each unit consists of one share of the company's Class A common stock and one-half of one redeemable warrant. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one share of Class A common stock at a price of $11.50 per share.

### DLA Piper advises Parabellum Acquisition Corp. in US$125 million IPO

30 September 2021
DLA Piper represented Parabellum Acquisition Corp. (NYSE: PRBM.U) in its initial public offering of 12,500,000 units at a price of $10 per unit. Each unit consists of one share of common stock and three quarters of one redeemable warrant of the company. Each whole warrant entitles the holder to purchase one share of common stock of the company at a price of $11.50 per share.

### DLA Piper advises insurtech company EIS in US$100 million growth investment from TPG

14 July 2021
DLA Piper represented EIS in a growth investment of more than US$100 million from TPG.