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Harry Hanson is a member and former Chair of the Business & Technology Practice Group at Choate Hall & Stewart LLP. He is also a member of the firm's Energy & Utilities and Private Equity Practice Groups. He practices business and securities law, with an emphasis on venture capital, private equity and acquisitions.

Mr. Hanson advises venture-backed companies and also represents leading venture capital and private equity firms in their portfolio company investments. He acts as general counsel to both early and later stage companies, providing advice in connection with formation and governance issues, debt and equity financing, compensation and stock incentive plans, and intellectual property protection and licensing. He has also represented buyers and sellers in public and private mergers, acquisitions, recapitalizations, strategic alliances and leveraged buy-outs. His corporate clients have included firms engaged in biotech, media/advertising, telecommunications, software and technology.

Professional and Community Involvement

Mr. Hanson is a former member of the firm's Hiring Committee and a member of the American, Massachusetts and Boston Bar Associations. He is a member of the National Venture Capital Association task force on Model Financing Documents and also lectures and participates with professional and industry trade organizations such as the Massachusetts Software Council and the MIT Entrepreneurship Center. Active in his community, Mr. Hanson has also served as a member of the Town of Wayland Finance Committee and other town committees, and has served on the board of directors and advisors of charitable organizations including the Massachusetts Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

Education

Mr. Hanson received his AB *cum laude* from the University of California at Berkeley in 1979 and his JD from Hastings College of Law, University of California in 1984.