



Parker Poe provides strategic legal counsel to startup and emerging growth companies, as well as the venture capital, private equity and private investment firms that invest in these enterprises. Our clients are engaged in a broad range of industries, including life sciences, software, technology, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications and health care, and our practice with these companies spans the entire life cycle, from organization through financing and acquisition transactions and liquidity events.

We understand the legal and strategic business needs of startup and emerging growth companies and strive to serve as partners with these companies and the entrepreneurs behind them, with a commitment to their success. As a full-service business law firm, we are able to engage a team of lawyers to provide support and expertise in a wide range of areas, such as tax, securities, corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, intellectual property, labor and employment, employee benefits, corporate governance, real estate, environmental and litigation. This interdisciplinary team-based approach allows us to maximize efficiencies and provide cost-efficient services.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

We provide legal advice and services related to:

- Selecting and forming the appropriate business entity structure
- Debt and equity financing, whether through friends and family, seed, angel, venture capital, private equity, senior debt or mezzanine
- Tax strategies and planning
- Equity compensation and stock option structuring and administration
- Employment and benefits
- Licensing and intellectual property protection strategies
- Strategic partnering and joint ventures
- Commercial contracts
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Exit strategies and liquidity transactions