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” Not only does Mark bring the highest quality of legal services, he also defines what a partnership should be.

- Nasdaq Listed Client

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Mark has a diverse corporate practice representing U.S. and international corporations and financial institutions. His experience includes a variety of capital markets transactions involving issuance of equity, convertible bonds, and debt securities, as well as initial public offerings (IPOs) and secondary equity offerings on the Nasdaq, the New York Stock Exchange, and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong. Mark frequently counsels companies based in Greater China, Taiwan, Singapore, India, Vietnam, Australia, and the United Kingdom with U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission compliance and the structuring and execution of their cross-border investments, joint ventures, venture capital financing, and M&A.

Notable Work

Public Offering: Represented Karat Packaging Inc. (Nasdaq: KRT) as Issuer’s counsel for its initial public offering of \$72.7 million in common stock on the Nasdaq Global Select Market and its public secondary offering of \$24.15 million in common stock sold by selling stockholders.

Public Offering: Represented D.A. Davidson & Co. as underwriter’s counsel for Bowman Consulting Group Ltd.’s (Nasdaq: BWMN) initial public offering of \$51.7 million in common stock and a follow-on

Areas of Experience

Capital Markets
Corporate
Corporate Governance
Venture Capital and Emerging Growth Companies
International
Japan
M&A and Private Equity
Financial Services
Sports and Entertainment Law

Education

J.D., University of Iowa College of Law, 2005
B.S., Washington University, Business Administration, 2000

Admissions*

Bars

Florida

* Not admitted to the practice of law in California

Languages

Chinese (Mandarin)

Related Content

Akerman Advises on Karat Packaging Inc. \$40.5 Million Secondary Offering
June 17, 2025

Akerman Represents Alexander Capital in \$15 Million Initial Public Offering of Fast Track Group
June 09, 2025

Akerman Co-Hosts Navigating U.S. IPO Journey Seminar in Singapore
May 8, 2025

offering of \$19.3 million in common stock on the Nasdaq Global Market.

Public Offering: Represented Lake Street Capital Markets as underwriter's counsel for MamaMancini's Holdings, Inc.'s (NasdaqCM:MMMB) public secondary offering of \$18.1 million in common stock sold by selling stockholders.

Public Offering: Represented ARMOUR Residential REIT, Inc. (NYSE: ARR) as Issuer's counsel for follow-on underwritten public offerings of an aggregate of \$168.7 million in common stock on the New York Stock Exchange.

Public Offering: Represented Daiwa Capital Markets Hong Kong as sole sponsor for Modern Land (China) in its HK\$545.4 million initial public offering on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong.

Private Equity: Represented China XD Plastics Company Limited (Nasdaq: CXDC) in its sale of \$100 million in convertible preferred shares to Morgan Stanley Private Equity Asia.

M&A: Represented Ideation Acquisition Corp. in its \$156.7 million business combination with SearchMedia International Limited, a multi-platform media company and one of the largest operators of integrated outdoor billboard and in-elevator advertising networks in China.

Initial Public Offering: Represented MBF Healthcare Acquisition Corp. as issuer's counsel in its initial public offering of \$172.5 million in units, each unit consisting of one share of common stock and one warrant, and listing on the NYSE Amex.

Initial Public Offering: Represented Ideation Acquisition Corp. as issuer's counsel for its initial public offering of \$80 million in units, each unit consisting of one share of common stock and one warrant, and listing on the NYSE Amex.

M&A: Represented Coconut Palm Acquisition Corp. as issuer's counsel in its \$277 million merger with Equity Broadcasting Corporation and listing on The Nasdaq Capital Market.

M&A: Represented Titan Company Limited (NSE India: TITAN) in its acquisition of the intellectual property of a Northern California-based technology company.

Private Placement: Represented Florida Capital Group, Inc. as issuer's counsel for its private placement of \$47.9 million in common stock.

Private Placement: Represented Stonegate Bank as issuer's counsel in a \$27.4 million private placement of common stock.

Initial Public Offering: Represented Casablanca Group Limited in its HK\$47.5 million initial public offering on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong.

Lender: Represented Carlyle Group India in a \$50 million secured lending transaction involving a Cypriot vessel. Represented Carlyle Group India in a \$50 million secured lending transaction involving a Cypriot vessel.

Arbitration: Represented DBS Nominees (Private) Limited and The Islamic Bank of Asia Limited in its arbitration proceeding against a Nasdaq-listed China-based manufacturing company at the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre.

China-based Manufacturing Client: Represented a China-based manufacturing company in a \$30 million investment in its Series A convertible shares by Mitsui & Co.

China-based Manufacturing Client: Represented a China-based manufacturing company in its \$100 million+ joint venture with a US company and establishment of a Mexican maquiladora to import the manufactured products into the U.S.

Related Professional Experience

- United States Securities & Exchange Commission, Division of Enforcement, Washington, D.C., Legal Intern
- Warner Bros. Entertainment, Inc., National Promotions/WB Music Legal Division, Burbank, CA, Legal Intern
- General Motors China Inc., Shanghai, China, Law Clerk

Published Work and Lectures

- HeartCore Enterprises' Seminar, Speaker, "U.S. Stock Exchange Listing Strategies for Japanese Companies," July 18, 2024
- Akerman Hosted Webinar, Speaker, "SPAC 101 – The Nuts and Bolts of Special Purpose Acquisition Companies," April 16, 2021
- Los Angeles General Assembly (GA), Speaker, "Capital Raising 101," August 27, 2019

Affiliations

- Asian Business League of Southern California, Board of Directors
- Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles, Member
- Hong Kong Association of Southern California, Member

Honors and Distinctions

- *The Legal 500* 2017, Recommended for Mergers, Acquisitions & Buyouts: M&A National Middle Market