



## Edward H. Smoot

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Ted Smoot is a partner in the firm's Corporate department. He represents public and private companies, family offices and individuals in mergers, acquisitions, private equity and venture capital investments, and commercial agreements. His practice includes all aspects of the formation, operation, financing, disposition and acquisition of businesses, and general day-to-day corporate representation.

As a member of the firm's Founders & Entrepreneurs practice group, he advises individual clients on a variety of corporate matters, including employment arrangements, option and restricted stock grants, secondary stock transfers, personal investments and advice in connection with financings, exit transactions, and other significant corporate events that affect founders' and executives' personal interests and control.

Mr. Smoot is also a member of the firm's Structured Finance Litigation Practice group, which represents financial guaranty insurers and institutional investors in workouts, restructurings and litigation involving residential mortgage-backed securities transactions.

### **Representative Matters**

Ongoing representation of a public media company in mergers and acquisition transactions in the print and digital content and technology markets.

Ongoing representation of a \$1 billion family office in investment matters, including the acquisition, disposition, capital raising activities and related management of its portfolio investments.

Ongoing representation of a Fortune 500 media company in venture capital and strategic portfolio investments in the digital content, advertising and technology markets.

Representation of both investors and issuers in connection with the formation and operation of investment limited partnerships and limited liability companies.

Representation of nonprofit organizations in investment matters and mergers and acquisition transactions.

Mr. Smoot serves on the Board of Trustees of Kinhaven Music School.

### **Admissions**

- New York

## Education

- Columbia Law School (J.D., 1999)
  - Editor-in-Chief, *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*
- Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs (M.I.A., 1996)
- Harvard University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1990)
  - History and Literature

## Publications

March 7, 2024

### **501(c)(4) Organizations: Giving with an Edge**

*Founder Focus Alert*

November 30, 2023

### **QSBS Rollovers**

*Founder Focus Alert*

June 21, 2023

### **Introducing the GOAT Trust**

*Founder Focus Alert*

March 27, 2023

### **Donations of Private Stock: Timing is Everything**

October 6, 2022

### **Avoiding a Trap for the Unwary: Gains from Secondary Sales Treated as Compensation**

April 19, 2022

### **Equity Compensation Highlight: Stock Options and Restricted Stock**

March 15, 2022

### **Tax Benefits of Advance Planning**

March 9, 2022

### **Investing for Impact: Opportunities for Entrepreneurial Philanthropy**

March 2, 2022

### **Direct Investing: Structuring Family Investments in High-Growth Companies**

February 23, 2022

### **Structuring a Home Purchase**

February 16, 2022

### **Five Situations When Founders Should Consider Engaging Their Own Legal Counsel**

April 7, 2020

### **CARES Act: Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) FAQs**

April 3, 2020

### **CARES Act Benefits Explained: Key Provisions for Businesses and Nonprofit Organizations**