

Arman Pahlavan

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Arman Pahlavan structures venture capital financings, private equity transactions, and cross-border deals for emerging companies and the investors who back them—helping both sides move from first institutional round to public market.

Arman brings a Silicon Valley-rooted corporate practice to founders, growth-stage companies, and the venture capital (VC) and private equity (PE) funds that invest in them. His work spans the full company lifecycle: from securing a first institutional funding round and recruiting executive leadership to drive scaling, through complex mergers and acquisitions (M&A), and into public market activity on U.S. and international stock exchanges.

On the transaction side, Arman advises clients on special purpose acquisition company (SPAC)-related M&A, acquisitions involving private equity sponsors and strategic buyers, corporate finance, and intellectual property transactions. He has deep experience in investment fund formation, including structures for sovereign wealth funds operating both domestically and internationally.

Arman's client base is technology-forward and spans software and mobile platforms, augmented and virtual reality (AR/VR), crypto and blockchain, digital health and life sciences, and energy innovation. Within private equity, he counsels sponsors and portfolio companies in consumer-packaged goods, food and beverage, and infrastructure. He also collaborates with Dorsey & Whitney colleagues to advise special committees and boards of publicly traded and growth-stage companies in high-stakes litigation matters.

The aggregate transaction value across Arman's deal work runs into the billions, reflecting a practice that has supported companies at every stage of growth and capital formation.

Arman is a founding supporter of the Arman Pahlavan Scholarship in Iranian Studies at

Education

- University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (J.D., 1991)
 - Articles Editor, *Hastings International and Comparative Law Review*
- University of California, Berkeley (B.A., 1986)
 - Phi Beta Kappa

Bar Admissions

- California
- New York

UC Berkeley's Middle Eastern Studies Department, which he established to support graduate study in the field.

Select Experience

- Fund Counsel to Benhamou Global Ventures
- Fund Counsel to The Venture Reality Fund
- Representation of AI based video game company through several rounds of early stage and growth financings
- Representation of AI based healthcare company that develops collaborative environment across healthcare platforms through multiple rounds of financings

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- The Arman Pahlavan Scholarship in Iranian Studies - Arman founded the program to support the graduate studies in Iranian studies at UC Berkeley's Middle Eastern Studies Department.
- Arman was the commencement speaker at Berkeley School of Middle Eastern Studies in 2017.

Accolades

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, 2018-2023
- *Northern California Super Lawyers*®, 2013, 2016