
Firm Announces Release of *2005 IPO, Venture Capital and M&A Reports*

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We are pleased to announce the publication of our annual overviews of the IPO, Venture Capital and M&A markets.

Our *2005 IPO Report* includes:

- A detailed analysis of the 2005 IPO market
- An outlook for the 2006 IPO market
- Regional breakdowns (California, Mid-Atlantic, New England and Tri-State)
- A review of the 2005 PIPEs and Rule 144A markets
- Insight on the recent securities law reforms
- Recommendations for pre-IPO companies grappling with new twists on cheap stock issues
- A discussion of the emergence of AIM as a possible alternative to Nasdaq for US high-growth companies
- Counsel rankings for IPOs, Rule 144A placements and PIPEs financings
- Underwriter IPO rankings

Our *2005 Venture Capital Report* includes:

- A detailed analysis of the 2005 venture capital market, including industry breakdowns
- An outlook for the 2006 venture capital market
- US regional breakdowns (California, Mid-Atlantic, New England and Tri-State)
- A review and outlook for the European venture capital market
- Practical advice on option grant valuations under new IRS rules on deferred compensation
- An overview of trends in venture capital deal terms, 2002–2005
- A review of venture capital fundraising activity
- A look ahead to the evolution of more robust accounting and financial controls for VC funds
- Venture capital counsel rankings, in both the United States and Europe

Our *2005 M&A Report* includes:

- A detailed analysis of the 2005 M&A market, including industry breakdowns
- An outlook for the 2006 M&A market
- Advice on special considerations in California M&A transactions
- New guidance on Delaware deal protection provisions
- A survey of key terms in sales of VC-backed companies, 2004-2005
- Practical guidance on avoiding antitrust violations in pre-merger integration planning
- Counsel rankings for sales of VC-backed companies

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- Handled more IPOs from 1996–2005 for eastern US companies than any other law firm in the country
- Handled more technology IPOs in 2004–2005 for eastern US companies than any other law firm in the country
- Handled more Rule 144A equity placements from 2001–2005 for eastern US companies than any other law firm in the country
- Handled the two largest PIPEs financings of 2005 by eastern US biopharmaceutical companies
- Handled more VC financings in 2005 for eastern US companies than any other law firm in the country
- Represents more VC-backed eastern US companies than any other law firm in the country
- Handled more sales of VC-backed eastern US companies in 2005 than any other law firm in the country
- Handled more sales of VC-backed eastern US companies from 1996–2005 than any other law firm in the country
- Handled more VC financings in 2005 for European companies than any other law firm in Europe
- Represents more VC-backed European companies than any other law firm in Europe

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