
Firm Announces Release of 2008 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.

The [*2008 IPO Report*](#) includes:

- A detailed analysis of the 2007 IPO market
- An outlook for the IPO market in the year ahead
- Regional breakdowns (California, Mid-Atlantic, New England and Tri-State)
- A review of the 2007 PIPEs and Rule 144A markets
- An update on the recent surge in IPOs by special purpose acquisition companies
- Insight on the new SEC rules for smaller public companies
- An analysis of the benefits and challenges of pursuing a “dual track” IPO
- A look back at the evolution of the IPO process over the last decade
- A discussion of recent developments in the proxy environment
- Counsel and underwriter rankings

The [*2008 Venture Capital Report*](#) offers:

- A detailed analysis of the 2007 venture capital market, including industry breakdowns
- An outlook for the venture capital market in the year ahead
- US regional breakdowns (California, Mid-Atlantic, New England and Tri-State)
- A review and outlook for the European venture capital market
- An overview of trends in venture capital financing and VC-backed company M&A deal terms
- An analysis of the VC fund formation climate
- Venture capital counsel rankings

The [*2008 M&A Report*](#) features:

- A detailed analysis of the 2007 global M&A market, including industry breakdowns

- An outlook for the M&A market in the year ahead
- A review of the impact of CFIUS on foreign acquisitions of US companies
- An analysis of recent trends in takeover defenses
- A survey of key terms in sales of VC-backed companies
- An examination of the ramifications of SEC changes to Rules 144 and 145
- A discussion of the impact of FASB's adoption of new accounting rules for M&A transactions
- Counsel rankings for sales of VC-backed companies

Statistics from independent sources confirm that WilmerHale:

- Handled more IPOs from 1996–2007 for eastern US companies than any other law firm in the country
- Handled more technology IPOs in 2004–2007 for eastern US companies than any other law firm in the country
- Handled more Rule 144A equity placements from 2001–2007 for eastern US companies than any other law firm in the country
- Handled more VC financings in 2007 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 VC financings in 2007 for European companies than any other law firm in Europe
- Represents more VC-backed European companies than any other law firm in Europe
- Handled more sales of VC-backed eastern US companies in 2007 than any other law firm in the country
- Handled more sales of VC-backed eastern US companies from 1996–2007 than any other law firm in the country
- Was company counsel in more IPOs by eastern US VC-backed companies from 1996–2007 than any other law firm in the country

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