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Harvard Innovation Lab

25 Western Ave., Boston, MA 02163 [Company Structure, Formation & Corporate Basics](#)

Learn about incorporating your business, non-competes, licensing your IP and decision-making processes

Founders

Explore topics related to allocating equity, vesting terms, tax implications, IP ownership, compensation and employment agreements

The Team - Employees & Consultants

Starting a new company is hard, but putting in place the right legal framework for your business doesn't have to be. Dive into employee compensation, hiring foreign employees and hiring before securing funding

In this class, you will learn how to choose between different corporate structures, where is the best jurisdiction to incorporate, how to properly allocate founder equity and how to avoid the most common costly mistakes when starting your company. If you misstep early, it could cost you BIG later, making it more challenging or even impossible to build a successful business.

Board of Directors & Advisors

Find out about board membership and roles, and advisory board setup and compensation

Equity Incentives

WilmerHale Counsel Gary Schall is a featured speaker at this event.

Understand vesting restrictions and terms, options and restricted stock, and tax differences between ISOs and NSOs

Raising Capital & Securing Funding

Position your company for success with information on how to raise capital and secure funding from banks, VCs, friends and family

Types of Investors

Learn about the differences between bank loans, foreign investors, crowdsourcing, crowdfunding, angels and VCs

Financing Terms & Structures

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[Expand your understanding of IP ownership, terms of service and privacy policies, open source software and more](#)

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