

2024 IPO, Venture Capital and M&A Reports

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WilmerHale's annual IPO, Venture Capital and M&A reports offer detailed insights into market conditions and provide comprehensive statistics and thoughtful analysis.

The [2024 IPO Report](#) offers a detailed IPO market review and outlook, plus useful market metrics and need-to-know information for pre-IPO companies on the following topics:

- A review of EGC election practices and how they continue to evolve;
- How the duty of oversight applies to directors and officers, too;
- Reverse mergers as an alternative to an IPO;
- How recent SEC enforcement actions highlight the importance of D&O questionnaires;
- The pros and cons of an Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP);
- Preparing for beneficial ownership reporting and an overview of new SEC rules for Schedules 13D and 13G; and
- A preview of recently expanded accounting and auditing standards.

The [2024 Venture Capital Report](#) offers an in-depth US venture capital market analysis and outlook, including industry and regional breakdowns, and insights on the following topics:

- The rise and fall of large financing rounds over recent years;
- A discussion of the changing landscape for noncompetes and issues employers should consider;
- Key considerations and the process for private company option repricings;
- Financing considerations for and enhanced regulatory scrutiny regarding defense tech startups; and
- Trends in venture capital financing deal terms, including a summary of data in convertible note, SAFE, and preferred stock transactions and in M&A transactions involving venture-backed companies.

The [2024 M&A Report](#) offers a global M&A market review and outlook, as well as insights on the following topics:

- Usage of common public company takeover defenses;
- Key developments in a rapidly evolving US antitrust enforcement environment;

- A recently announced DOJ M&A Safe Harbor Policy;
- A comparison of deal terms in public and private company acquisitions; and
- Trends in VC-backed company M&A deal terms.

The relevant reports also showcase prominent recent capital markets, venture capital and M&A transactions.