Representing the Startup Venture 2019 - Part II

Basic Business Skills for Starting and Running a Successful Practice Friday, November 22, 2019 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Convene | 810 Seventh Avenue | NYC

Program Agenda

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. - 9:10 a.m. Welcome and Introduction

9:10 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. Financing the Startup Venture

More on "Friends and Family Offerings"

• Investors: Where to Find Them, How to Sell Them

• Structuring Investments by "Angel" Investors

What Investors Look For

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10:25 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. **Crowdfunding, Coin Offerings and Other Cutting-Edge**

Financing Techniques for Startup Ventures

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10:50 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. **Employment Law Issues for Startup Businesses**

- When Do You Hire Your First Employee?
- "Everybody Here's an Independent Contractor"
- "At Will" Employment vs. Employment Agreement
- Basics of Employment Taxes: FICA, FUTA, Medicare
- Can You Restrict an Employee's Activities on Social Media Platforms?
- When Should You Consider an Option Plan?
- The Right Way to Fire an Employee

Kerry C. Zaroogian, Esq.

Outten & Golden, LLP | New York City

Bruce R. Millman, Esq.

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11:50 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Selected Tax Issues affecting Start Up Ventures.

- Taxation of Crowdfunding, ICO's, SAFTS, Token Pre-Sales
- General comments on using partnerships as venture vehicles
- Tax treatment of Organization and Syndication costs
- Different approaches to allocating income in ventures
- Deferred Comp: True equity versus phantom equity
- Profits interests vs. capital interests
- The "Carried Interest": drafting and implementation
- The political landscape and the future of the "carried interest"
- Non-vested interests and the Section 83(b) election
- When a "sweat equity" player withdraws from the company: cashing out prior to the sale of the business (Section 736 A versus B payouts)

Thomas J. Riggs, Esq. CPA Head Of Financial Services Tax | PKF O'Connor Davies | NYC

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2:15 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.

When Startups Cross National Boundaries: Tax Issues Involving Overseas Partners

- Structuring the US Operations of an Overseas Venture
- Taxation of Inflow and Outflow Payments to Founders and Investors
- Withholding of distributions and other payments
- Do Overseas Partners Need to File US Tax Returns?
- Co-ordinating foreign and domestic operations

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3:05 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.

Break

3:10 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.

When Startups Cross National Boundaries: Immigration Issues Involving Overseas Partners

 Can foreign students in the U.S. on a student visa engage in entrepreneurial activities?

- Visas available for overseas partners [HB-1, E-1, E-2, O-1, L-1A & EB-5]
- The new Unlawful Presence triggering date for F/J/M visa holders
- The International Entrepreneur Rule, the RAISE Act and other recent developments in Congress

Peg Yang, Esq. Law Offices of Peg Yang/Visa Human Capital New York City

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3:40 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Ethical Considerations for the Lawyer Representing Startup Ventures

- What Business Lawyers Do
- Who (or What) exactly is the Client?
- Ethical Issues in Advising Startup Clients and Managing Business Transactions
- Representing Family Members, Business Partners and Other Multiple Clients
- Working for Chickens: Investing in Clients and Other Nontraditional Forms of Payment
- When Clients Cross State Lines: Doing Legal Work in Jurisdictions Other Than New York

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4:30 p.m.

Adjournment