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Matt practices corporate and securities law, where he specializes in representing private and public technology and other emerging growth companies. Matt advises companies, entrepreneurs and investors on forming and operating businesses, raising capital through private and public offerings, buying and selling companies, and on complying with the periodic reporting and Sarbanes-Oxley requirements of the federal securities laws. He also regularly counsels companies and their boards on corporate governance and executive compensation matters. He also represents and maintains relationships with a number of prominent venture capital, private equity and investment banking firms, and has participated in the formation of several venture capital funds.

Matt has consistently been named as one of the leading lawyers in Texas for the area of Technology: Corporate and Commercial in the Chambers USA Rankings. He also been Martindale-Hubbell "Peer Review Rated" for Ethical Standards and Legal Ability. In 2005, Matt was named a "Texas Rising Star" in the area of Securities and Corporate Finance by [Texas Super Lawyers](#) and [Texas Monthly Magazine](#).

BRIEFINGS, SEMINARS & SPEECHES

- "Angel Financing: Selecting the Investor and Negotiating the Term Sheet - The Entrepreneur's Perspective," [Acton MBA 2nd Annual Angel Networking Event](#), Austin, Texas (May 22, 2008) **Please click here to view the presentation.**
- "Venture Financing: Selecting the Investor and Negotiating the Series A Term Sheet - The Entrepreneur's Perspective," [Central Texas Funding Symposium](#), Austin, Texas (April 18, 2008) **Please click here to view the presentation.**
- "Top Ten Legal Mistakes Made By Entrepreneurs," to be presented at [RISE](#), Austin, Texas (March 4, 2008). **Please click here to view the presentation.**
- "Venture Financing: Forming an Emerging Company - Laying the Foundation for Venture Capital Investment," [University of Texas Venture Fellows MBA Program](#), Austin, Texas (April 1, 2008). **Please click here to view the presentation.**

INDUSTRIES

Private Equity
Biotechnology/Life Sciences
Health Care
Internet/E-Commerce
Manufacturing/Sales
Restaurant
Software/Electrical
Technology
Venture Capital and Emerging Companies

PRACTICE AREAS

Private Equity
Corporate Compliance, Investigations and Defense
Corporate/Securities
Technology and Emerging Companies

EDUCATION

JD, 1993, honors, The University of Texas School of Law
BA, 1990, high honors, The University of Texas at Austin

ADMITTED

Texas 1993

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- "Venture Financing: Forming an Emerging Company - Laying the Foundation for Venture Capital Investment," [University of Texas Venture Fellows MBA Program](#), Austin, Texas (November 28, 2007) **Please click here to view the presentation.**
- "Positioning Your Company for the Smooth and Successful Sale," [Entrepreneurs Foundation of Central Texas Legal Bites Breakfast Series](#), Austin, Texas (September 18, 2007). **Please click here to view the presentation.**
- "Angel Financing: Selecting the Investor and Negotiating the Term Sheet - The Entrepreneur's Perspective," [Austin Technology Incubator/Central Texas Angel Network](#), Austin, Texas (September 18, 2007). **Please click here to view the presentation.**
- "Legal Strategies for Clean Tech Innovation," (with Sean Wooden, Roger Feldman, John Harrop and Carrick Brooke-Davidson) presented at [Clean Energy Venture Summit](#), Austin, Texas (May 14, 2007)
- "Venture Financing: Selecting the Investor and Negotiating the Term Sheet - The Entrepreneur's Perspective," [University of Texas Venture Fellows MBA Program](#), Austin, Texas (April 4, 2007). **Please click here to view the presentation.**
- Presiding Officer (Houston, Texas and Dallas, Texas), UT School of Law Corporate Counsel Institute (2005 - 2007)
- Judge, UT Moot Court Finals (May 2005)
- Judge, Venture Capital Investment Competition (UT Division) (February 2005)
- CEO Panel Moderator, [Austin Technology Council's Annual Texas Executive Summit](#), Austin, Texas (May 4, 2004)
- "Financing Strategies," [Texas Entrepreneur & Angel Investor Conference](#), Austin, Texas (May 4, 2004). **Please click here to view the presentation.**
- "Executive Compensation Strategies for Start-ups," [Austin Texchange](#), Austin, Texas (October 2003)
- Judge, Rice University Southwest Business Plan Competition (2001 - 2007)

PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

Professional

- Texchange, Austin Chapter
 - Vice President of Membership (2005 - 2007)
 - Board of Directors (2005 - 2007)
 - Board of Advisors (2003 - present)
- University of Texas Venture Fellows MBA Program
 - Term Sheet and Business Formation Mock Negotiation Mentor (2003 - present)
- University of Texas School of Law Corporate Counsel Institute CLE
 - Planning Committee (2004 - present)
- State Bar of Texas
 - Board of Advisors, Corporate Counsel Section (2007)
- Houston Rice Alliance
 - Board of Advisors (2003 - present)
- Austin Rice Alliance
 - Advisory Board (2008)

Community

- Any Baby Can - Board Member (2008)
- Entrepreneurs Foundation and Idea Network of Central Texas
 - Legal Advisory Board, (2004 - present)

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MEDIA

"Acton School of Business Creates a Platform for Growth with Second Annual Angel Network Event"

Please click [here](#) to read the press release.

"Andrews Kurth Hosts Mock Term Sheet Negotiation for Austin Technology Incubator Companies and the Central Texas Angel Network"

Please click [here](#) to read the blog.

"Matt Lyons talks about term sheets at the Entrepreneur Funding Symposium"

Please click [here](#) to read the blog.

HEADLINE NEWS

- Andrews Kurth Receives High Rankings in Chambers USA Guide (June 25, 2007)
- Twenty Andrews Kurth Lawyers Recognized In 2006 Chambers USA Rankings (July 18, 2006)
- Brobeck's Austin Business & Technology Team Joins Andrews & Kurth (February 12, 2003)