

Benjamin Kern Joins Winston & Strawn Chicago

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CHICAGO, IL - Winston & Strawn LLP has announced that Benjamin D. Kern has joined the firm's Chicago office as a partner in the corporate practice. Mr. Kern, formerly a partner at McGuireWoods, focuses his practice on technology companies and technology transactions. Mr. Kern started his career as an associate at Winston & Strawn.

"We are delighted that Ben has decided to rejoin Winston," said Dominick DeChiara, partner and chair of Winston & Strawn's corporate practice. "His substantial venture capital and technology transaction experience will allow us to further develop and expand our corporate practice to meet client needs."

"Winston's corporate and private equity practices afford us opportunities to work on a regular basis with venture capital firms and entrepreneurs," added Brian Kozlowski, partner and co-chair of Winston & Strawn's private equity practice. "Ben's background will bring significant depth and strength to our practices."

Mr. Kern represents technology companies in connection with a broad spectrum of activities, from formation through capital transactions, intellectual property matters, personnel matters, commercial and strategic relationships, and exit. His practice has spanned industries including wireless; alternative energy; technology services; enterprise and stand-alone software; social networks, applications and gaming; cloud-based transactions, software as a service (SaaS); for-profit and nonprofit higher education; as well as device and component design, manufacturing, resale and OEM transactions.

Mr. Kern also represents technology and non-technology companies in connection with their technology commercialization, procurement, licensing, services, joint venture and outsourcing transactions, as well as representing professional investors in connection with the structure, negotiation, and documentation of investment transactions, and the management of investments from initiation to disposition.

"I am delighted to rejoin my colleagues at Winston & Strawn and look forward to working with them to further expand Winston's corporate platform," Mr. Kern said.

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