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Kathi Vidal Speaks at Bloomberg's The Future of Crowdfunding

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On October 30, Silicon Valley Office Managing Partner Kathi Vidal spoke at Bloomberg Live's <u>The Future of</u> <u>Crowdfunding</u> in New York. This full day event brought together investors, c-level executives, advisers, and entrepreneurs for a comprehensive look at how crowdfunding is challenging regulators to improve investor protections, leveling the playing field for inclusive entrepreneurship, and more.

Kathi presented on "The Changing Face of Regulation" panel. Since the JOBS Act was passed in 2012 allowing nonaccredited investors to participate in equity crowdfunding, the number of crowdfunding platforms across real estate, ecommerce, sports, philanthropy, and more has skyrocketed. Regulators have loosened the rules in an effort to lower the barrier to innovation, but now regulators are a little more than nervous about how to not only protect investors from dishonest companies but how to protect unsophisticated shareholders themselves.

Kathi is one of the leading patent litigators in the country. Nationally recognized for trying high-profile, high-stakes, and high-tech patent disputes for the region's leading companies, her experience covers a myriad of technologies. In addition, Kathi is an investor in a number of companies and serves on the Board of Directors for SuperPhone.

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