

Venture Capital

Venture capital financing is an important way for startups lacking access to capital markets to realize their true growth potential. It also provides opportunities for investors with high-risk appetites to be rewarded for backing innovative business ideas. While venture capital investment always presents a number of risks to both the startup and its venture capitalists, legal risk should not be one of them. Regardless of your role in the transaction, it is critical to engage lawyers who thoroughly understand venture capital financing and how to advance and protect your interests.

WeirFoulds is committed to helping Canadian and foreign investors and early stage companies capitalize on innovative business ideas. We advise individual venture capitalists, venture capital firms and investee companies on structuring, holding and exiting investments. We draft company articles and investor rights agreements. We provide strategic advice on exit strategy and assist companies with going public.

We advise early stage companies on alternative funding options, including crowdfunding and eligibility for Scientific Research and Development tax credits. We also assist venture capital firms and managers with all of their legal needs, including advising on fund formation, management compensation and governance arrangements.

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- Exit strategy
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- Management compensation
- Mergers and acquisitions
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- Scientific Research and Development tax credits
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