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Steve Blake is a Litigation Partner in our Palo Alto office. Steve focuses on high-stakes shareholder litigation and securities regulatory matters. He regularly advises corporations, financial institutions, funds and their advisors in connection with mergers and acquisitions, initial public offerings, legal compliance and commercial disputes. Steve also regularly represents entities and individuals before the SEC, FINRA and stock exchanges.

Steve frequently writes and lectures on shareholder litigation, fiduciary duties, and issues under the Securities Act, Exchange Act, Investment Company Act and Investment Advisors Act. Steve is the author of the quarterly “Stock Block” column in *The Recorder*.

### PRACTICE FOCUS

Litigation International Regulatory and Compliance  
Crisis Management Asia Litigation Strategic Alternatives  
Government and Internal Investigations Shareholder Activism  
Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and Sustainability  
Mergers and Acquisitions Litigation Securities Litigation  
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### INDUSTRIES

Technology Financial Services FinTech Healthcare

His recent columns “Along Came SPACs, and Then SPAC Litigation,” “Challenges to Corporate Decision-Making in the Face of Increasingly Polarized Responses to ESG Initiatives,” and “Burgeoning ‘Caremark’ Claims Likely to Drive Stockholder Demands” have been widely read. Steve is Co-Head of the Firm’s Asia Litigation Practice and is also Co-Chair of the Firm’s Knowledge & Innovation Committee.

Recognized as a 2021 *Law360* “Rising Star” in Securities, Steve is also recognized by Euromoney’s *Benchmark Litigation* as a “Future Star,” and was a repeat honoree on their “40 & Under List.” Steve was named among the *Daily Journal*’s “Leading Commercial Litigators” for 2024. He was selected as part of *Bloomberg Law*’s “40 Under 40” in 2022, and by the *Daily Journal* as one of the “Top 40 Under 40” lawyers in California in 2018. Steve is consistently recognized by *The Legal 500* in both M&A Litigation and Shareholder Litigation, and as a “Rising Star” in Northern California securities litigation by *Super Lawyers*.