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Maria Rydder Schwartz is an associate in the Corporate Practice Group in the firm's New York office and has strong ties to California and Denmark.

Areas of Practice

Maria guides startups and private companies through every stage of their life cycle – from formation and early financings to growth, restructuring and strategic exits (e.g., mergers and acquisitions). She routinely manages organizational matters, oversees diligence and corporate audits, facilitates equity and debt financings, and leads coordination on exit plans. Acting as outside general counsel, she provides practical legal and business advice on a wide range of operational and strategic issues.

She represents venture capital firms throughout the investment cycle - negotiating term sheets, ensuring investment rights are properly aligned with value, reviewing diligence findings, and following up on any post-closing matters as needed. She also has significant cross-border experience, collaborating with counterparts in Europe and other regions to facilitate international transactions.

Maria's practice spans a broad range of industries, including technology (SaaS and fintech), consumer, food and beverage, energy and entertainment.

Practices

Corporate

Emerging Company & Venture Capital

Family Owned, Closely-Held Businesses and Family Offices

Mergers and Acquisitions

Education

J.D., Santa Clara University School of Law

B.A., Chapman University

Admissions

New York

California