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Mr. Narayan has been named a [Dealmaker of the Year](#) by *The American Lawyer*, and a Leading Lawyer and a Leading Dealmaker by *Lawdragon*. Earlier in his career he was recognized as a Rising Star by several publications, including *Law360*, *Expert Guides*, *IFLR* and *Super Lawyers*.

Mr. Narayan serves on the boards of the San Francisco Symphony and Stanford Law School. He received a B.A. from Yale University and a J.D. from Stanford Law School, where he was a member of the *Stanford Law Review* and the *Stanford Law & Policy Review* and led the Afghanistan Legal Education Project. Mr. Narayan is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the State Bar of California.

Representative M&A transactions:

- **Coinbase** in its participation in Open Standard and the Open USD stablecoin

- **OpenAI** in its acquisitions of io products, Statsig, Neptune and Software Applications Incorporated, and its collaboration with Sir Jony Ive
- **SoFi Technologies** in its merger with Social Capital Hedosophia, and its acquisitions of Technisys, Golden Pacific Bancorp and Wyndham Capital
- **MrBeast** in its acquisition of Step and other M&A transactions
- **Inari Medical** in its sale to Stryker
- **Bachan's** in its sale to Marzetti
- **Social Capital** in M&A transactions
- **OpenGov** in its sale to Cox Enterprises
- **Hewlett Packard Enterprise** in its acquisitions of Juniper Networks and Cray, and its Reverse Morris Trust transaction combining its software business with Micro Focus International
- **Nielsen** in its sale to a private equity consortium led by Elliott and Brookfield, and the prior sale of its Global Connect business to Advent International
- **eBay** in its sale of eBay Classifieds to Adevinta, and its sale of StubHub to Viagogo
- **HP Inc.** in its successful defense against a hostile takeover bid by Xerox
- **Salesforce** in its acquisitions of Tableau Software and MuleSoft
- **AOL** in its sale to Verizon, and its subsequent acquisition of Millennial Media
- **The Cleveland Browns** in its sale to Jimmy Haslam
- **The Aston Villa Football Club** in its sale to Recon Group
- **Teneo** in its investments by CVC Capital Partners and BC Partners, and its numerous acquisitions
- **Opendoor Technologies** in strategic partnership transactions
- **Carlyle Group** in its acquisitions of Duff & Phelps and CFGI
- **Searchlight Capital** in its investments in KORE Wireless, Gracie Point and Honor Capital
- **Warburg Pincus** in its investment in Varo
- **Envision Healthcare** in its sale to KKR
- **Financial Engines** in its sale to Hellman & Friedman
- **GTECH** in its acquisition of International Game Technology
- **International Game Technology** in its sale of DoubleDown to DoubleU Games
- **Mondelēz** in its acquisitions of Hu Products and Give & Go
- **Atlas Energy** in its sale to Chevron

- **Ventas** in its acquisition of Atria Senior Living
- **Knight Capital** in its merger with GETCO
- **Wells Fargo** in the sale of its Health Savings Account Business to UnitedHealth, and its Shareowner Services Business to Equiniti
- **Capital One** in its acquisitions of ING Direct USA, GE Capital's Healthcare Finance Business, HSBC's Domestic Credit Card Business, Cabela's credit card program and Walmart's credit card program
- **Cantor Fitzgerald** in its sale of Berkeley Point to BGC Partners
- **Final** in its sale to Goldman Sachs
- **Itaú Unibanco** in the merger of its Chilean and Colombian operations with CorpBanca
- **Numerous banks and financial institutions** in M&A transactions
- **Hewlett-Packard Company** in its separation into HP Inc. and Hewlett Packard Enterprise
- **Agilent Technologies** in its spinoff of Keysight Technologies
- **BGC Partners** in its spinoff of Newmark
- **Atlas Energy** in its spinoff of Atlas Resources Partners
- **Nielsen** in its announced spin-off of its Global Connect business

Representative capital markets transactions:

- **Square** in its initial public offering
- **Newmark** in its initial public offering
- **National MI** in its initial public offering, and all of its follow-on equity and debt offerings
- **Santander Consumer USA** in its initial public offering
- **Salesforce** in its initial notes offering
- **Keysight Technologies** in its initial notes offering
- **SoFi Technologies** in its public and private equity and debt offerings
- **Knight Capital** in its private equity financing
- **CardWorks** in its private equity financing
- **MrBeast** in its financing transactions
- **8090** in its Series A financing led by Salesforce

- **LTk** in its Series B financing led by SoftBank
- **Rain** in its Series C financing led by ICONIQ Capital and its Series B financing led by Sapphire Ventures
- **Rialto Capital** in venture investments
- **Mondelēz** in venture investments

Representative SPAC transactions:

- **American Exceptionalism Acquisition Corp. A** in its initial public offering
- **SoFi Technologies** in its business combination with Social Capital Hedosophia Holdings Corp. V
- **Ginkgo Bioworks** in its business combination with Soaring Eagle Acquisition Corp.
- **Social Capital Suvretta Holdings Corp. I** in its initial public offering, and its business combination with Akili
- **Social Capital Suvretta Holdings Corp. II** in its initial public offering
- **Social Capital Suvretta Holdings Corp. III** in its initial public offering, and its business combination with ProKidney
- **Social Capital Suvretta Holdings Corp. IV** in its initial public offering
- **Southport Acquisition Corporation** in its business combination with Angel Studios

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