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Chris Simpson is a shareholder in Polsinelli's Venture Capital and Emerging Growth Companies Practice Group. Chris advises companies at all stages of growth, from start-ups to ready-to-IPO/exit, helping them successfully raise capital, complete acquisitions, mergers and divestitures and address day-to-day operative and commercial matters.

Venture Capital and Growth Equity

A significant portion of Chris's practice is dedicated to working with entrepreneurs and early growth stage companies, and Chris has helped countless companies navigate their way through Series Seed, A and B fundraises to exit transactions.

Chris also counsels venture capital and growth equity funds in connection with their debt and equity financing investments in private companies.

General Outside Counsel

Chris works as general outside counsel to private companies, with a focus on the life science and tech vertical, helping them with day-to-day legal guidance and larger strategic transactions.

Complex Life Science Collaborations and Partnership

Chris has deep experience advising life science and life science adjacent tech companies on large complex strategic collaborations, partnerships and joint ventures.

Cross-Border Experience

A large portion of Chris's experience has involved cross-border transactions in the life sciences and tech space, including cross-border acquisitions, financings, joint ventures and collaborations.

Before Polsinelli, Chris practiced at Choate, Hall & Stewart, LLP in Boston Massachusetts.

Capabilities

- Venture Capital & Emerging Growth Companies
- Private Equity - Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Corporate & Transactional
- Life Sciences
- Mergers, Acquisitions & Divestitures
- Consumer Products & Luxury Goods

Education

- University of Notre Dame Law School (J.D., *magna cum laude*)
 - Articles Editor, Notre Dame Law Review
- Wesleyan University (B.A.)
- Notre Dame London Law Programme - London, United Kingdom

Bar Admissions

- Massachusetts
- Missouri

Memberships

- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Member
- Nelson-Atkins Museum, Member
- Legal Aid of Western Missouri, Member

Recognition

- Named "Ones to Watch" by *Best Lawyers*® for Corporate Governance and Compliance Law, 2022
- Named to Ingram's 40 Under Forty

Matters

- Represented Alloy Therapeutics in Complex ASO Platform Collaboration with Biogen
- Represented Sanacor Inc. on its Collaboration Agreement with Chemify to Develop Small Molecule Therapies for Cardiometabolic Diseases.
- Represented La La Land Kind Café in material Equity Financing with Stripes.
- Represents Aspen Private Credit Fund in material Preferred Equity investments.
- Represented iOR Holdings, Inc., an ophthalmic surgery group, in its Series D Financing.
- Represented Sanacor, Inc., a biotechnology company focused on mitochondrial dysfunction in diabetic cardiovascular diseases, in its Series Seed Financing.
- Represented investors in C2FO \$30,000,000 Equity Financing Round.
- Represented TermSheet, LLC, an affiliate of Platform Ventures, in sale to Intapp.
- Represented Lula Smarter Property Maintenance in its \$28 million Series A Financing.
- Represents GEHA Ventures in its equity investments.
- Represents Enable Ventures, a social impact fund, in its equity investments.
- Represented Albatross Golf in its Pre-Seed Financing.
- Represented Verge Genomics, a biotechnology company, in negotiating and entering into a Drug Development and License with Ferrer Internacional with upfront and milestones worth up to \$112 million.
- Represented Trially, an AI-driven clinical trial/patient matching company, in its Pre-Seed Financing.
- Represents Ritual Beverage Company, a leading non-alcoholic spirit brand, in its financing and commercial contracts.
- Represented Bond Pet Foods, Inc., on reaching signification milestones towards the development of a more sustainable protein for pet foods in collaboration with Hill's Pet

Nutrition pursuant to Joint Development Agreements between the parties.

- Represented Verge Genomics, a biotechnology company, in negotiating and entering into a Drug Discovery Collaboration with Alexion valued at up to \$840 million.
- Represented DealerCue, Inc. (VINCUE), an end-to-end inventory lifecycle solution for retail automotive dealerships, in its Series B Financing.
- Represented La La Land Kind Cafe, a coffee chain founded in Texas, helping youth aging out of the foster care system, in receiving a \$20 million investment from Rugged Management.
- Represented Bungii, a company providing on-demand bulky item delivery to customers, in its \$9.7 million Series A financing.
- Represented Plant Pathways, an advanced plant breeding platform, in its recent Private Placement Financing.
- Represented Transportant Inc., a transportation company that keeps students safe by making school buses smarter, in its \$3.2 million Series A financing.
- Represented Lelex Prime, which combines artificial intelligence, machine learning and natural language with social science research to analyze human behavior, in its \$2.03 million Series Seed financing.
- Represented Bond Pet Foods, a plant-based pet food producer, in its recent \$17.5 million Series A Financing.
- Represents Flyover Capital in their venture and portfolio investments.
- Represented Realto, the first fully automated online marketplace for secondary trading of illiquid real estate and alternative securities, in its recent \$4.5 million Series Seed-II Financing.
- Represented Generation Esports, a global community-focused esports organization and tournament platform, in its \$19 million Series B Financing, which included the acquisition of Wizard Labs Inc.
- Represented Flight Schedule Pro, a leading provider of cloud-based software to aviation constituents, in its recent \$31 million growth equity financing.
- Represented Cresicor, Inc., a consumer packaged goods trade management platform startup its recent \$5.6 million Series Seed Financing.
- Representation of Sketchfab, Inc., the largest platform for immersive and interactive 3D, in a merger with Epic Games.
- Representation of The Citizenry, Inc., a direct to consumer home decor brand that partners with artisans around the world, on its \$20 million Series B Financing.
- Representation of a private agtech company in a \$25MM equity fundraiser.
- Representation of a private agtech company in \$80MM sale to international publicly traded company.
- Representation of a private seed company in a seven figure equity fundraiser.
- Representation of a food and beverage company in a \$10MM equity fundraiser.
- Representation of numerous other agtech, food and beverage, life science and technology companies in seed, Series A and successive rounds of venture capital and growth equity financings.
- Representation of leading venture capital firm in financing of CPG companies.
- Representation of publicly-traded pharmaceutical company in \$1 billion+ acquisition of drug-development company.
- Representation of a pre-commercial drug development company in a number of cross-border research and licensing collaborations with non-US companies and universities.
- Representation of a Swiss medical device company in its sale to a US publicly-traded company.

Publications

March 19, 2026

FDA turmoil reshapes biotech dealmaking terms

Quoted, Axios