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David Cykiert serves as outside general counsel to emerging companies across myriad industries, with a particular focus on the consumer packaged goods (CPG) industry, offering tailored guidance on all matters venture, with particular focus on helping companies and investors structure and execute venture investment and liquidity transactions – from seed to growth to exit. He helps round out early-stage teams, and supplements nearly complete teams with candid and catered advice on growth.

Accessibility, experience, knowledge, creativity and problem-solving form the core recipe for his client-centric approach. David pulls from his experience as an entrepreneur and founder and recognizes that an intimate knowledge of client's companies is essential to his effective representation, and his process is structured to encourage open and regular communication, facilitating counsel tailored to today, but cognizant of and accounting for Founders' plans for tomorrow.

In addition to his venture practice, David serves as outside general counsel to venture clients, and others, advising them on a multitude of corporate law matters, including:

- Early-stage organization and capitalization
- Intellectual property portfolio development and protection
- Team building and vendor management
- Regulatory compliance

Education

- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (J.D., 2009)
- Syracuse University (B.A., 2005)

Bar Admissions

- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

Capabilities

- Venture Capital & Emerging Growth Companies
- Corporate & Transactional

Recognition

- 2025 USA M&A Middle Market Atlas Awards, USA Consumer Deal of the Year: Seaweed Bath acquires Andalou Naturals and Mineral Fusion from BWX USA
- Named one of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* in Corporate Law, 2024-2026
- Selected for inclusion in *Super Lawyers* as a Rising Star, 2017

Publications

April 30, 2026

Shelf Space: 'Til Debt Do Us Part: Why CPG Startup Founders Should Reconsider Early-Stage Debt Financing

March 26, 2026

Shelf Space: What's Not to Like About Likes? How CPG Founders Can Build Smarter Social Media Strategies That Actually Work

February 26, 2026

Shelf Space: How CPG Founders Can Use Termination Clauses to Stay Flexible

January 29, 2026

Shelf Space: The CPG Advisor Conundrum: Great Fit, Wrong Expectations