



# Tyler Harkness



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## LEGAL SERVICES

Business & Corporate

Mergers & Acquisitions

Entrepreneurial Services

Corporate Finance & Transactions

Shareholder Disputes & Governance

## EDUCATION

J.D., University of Oregon School of Law, 2015  
Order of the Coif

M.A., University of Nottingham, 2009

B.A., Prairie Bible Institute, 2007

## BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Oregon State Bar

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

### The Best Lawyers in America

2022, Ones to Watch – Corporate

Governance and Compliance Law

2021-2022, Ones to Watch – Mergers and

Acquisitions Law

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association

Multnomah Bar Association

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & ACTIVITIES

### Community Services, Inc.

Board of Trustees

### Portland Business Alliance

Leadership Portland Class of 2021

### Oregon Entrepreneurs Network

Past Secretary, Board of Directors

Tyler’s practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, corporate finance, securities regulations, secured financing and other general business matters. He enjoys helping clients understand their legal needs and think strategically about how best to accomplish their goals. Tyler works with clients across the State of Oregon to solve problems in their business operations and transition their businesses to new ownership – whether that transition is through a sale to an outside party, a family or management succession plan, or otherwise.

Tyler is actively engaged in Portland’s startup community and works with business owners and entrepreneurs in structuring their businesses, protecting their assets, and best positioning themselves to explore fundraising and investment opportunities – all while tackling any legal challenges that may come up in their routine business operations.

Tyler received his J.D. from the University of Oregon School of Law, where he graduated first in his class, Order of the Coif, and was awarded a number of merit-based fellowships and scholarships, including the Oregon State Bar Business Law Section’s Outstanding Corporate Law Student Scholarship and the Oregon State Bar Securities Section Scholarship.

## Presentations & Publications

“The Terms of a Deal and Legal Basics of Deal Structure and Valuation,” Veterinary Angel Network for Entrepreneurs, November 2021

“Term Sheets,” Oregon AF, Oregon Entrepreneurs Network, July 2021

“Corporate and Business Law Primer for Startups,” TIE XL Oregon Bootcamp, April 2021

“Leadership Transitions, Strategic Planning and Corporate Governance During a Pandemic,” Family Business 360, Oregon State University, February 2021

“Corporate and Business Law Primer for Startups,” TIE XL Oregon Bootcamp, December 2020

“Corporate and Business Law Fundamentals,” TIE XL Oregon Bootcamp, June 2020

Startup Business Law,” Launch Mid-Valley Startup Bootcamp, March 2020

Panelist, “Unlocking Blockchain for Business Leaders,” Portland State University, April 2019

“Evolution of Initial Coin Offerings,” Portland State University, April 2019

Panelist, “Blockchain Beyond Cryptocurrency” and Moderator, “Should Startups Consider ICOs as Funding Tools?” TechFest NW, April 2019

“Corporate and Business Law Fundamentals,” TIE Oregon Bootcamp, October 2018

