

Gurpreet S. Bal

Partner

gurpreet.bal@foley.com

Silicon Valley
650.251.1138

San Francisco



Gurpreet Bal is a trusted advisor to technology companies, investors, and founders, providing strategic counsel on corporate and securities matters throughout the business lifecycle.

Gurpreet's clients represent a broad spectrum of the technology sector, including leaders and investors in the artificial intelligence, semiconductors, digital health, fintech, enterprise security, consumer tech, food innovation, and social enterprise, among others. He is known for his practical, forward-thinking approach to complex transactions and possesses a deep understanding of the challenges faced by leading and leading-edge companies, their investors, and supporters.

In the last two decades, Gurpreet has advised clients in hundreds of high-value transactions, representing over US\$60 billion in aggregate deal value. His experience spans corporate formation and governance, venture capital, fund formation, restructurings, private equity, and growth equity financings, debt transactions, IPOs, M&A, cross-border transactions, spinoffs, and acquisitions. From guiding an early-stage company through its first term sheet, taking a company public, advising investors in fund-defining investments or steering a company through a strategic acquisition, Gurpreet delivers a unique mix of aligned advocacy with business-minded legal solutions focused toward his client's goals and interests.

Prior to Foley, Gurpreet was a partner in the Silicon Valley offices of two global law firms. Before entering private practice served with the U.S. Attorney's office and as an extern for the U.S. District Court and with the U.S. Attorney's office, both in the Northern District of California. Prior to his legal career, he was an accountant at a Big Four accounting firm.

Representative Experience

- Represented numerous (100+) early-to-late stage technology companies and investors in the sale of securities, debt financings, and capital raising transactions, raising and deploying funds in excess of US\$1bn.*

- Represented multiple companies in public offerings, including a semiconductor solutions company in its recent public offering
- Represented companies and investors in multiple M&A transactions including:
 - Represented a software company in acquisition of privately held security software company.*
 - Represented a software company in the sale of its assets to a multinational digital communications technology corporation.*
 - Represented a software company in its sale to a privately held information technology company.*
 - Represented an AI software company in its acquisition of a software solutions company and its acquisition of a database management company in Singapore.*
 - Represented a mobile automotive repair company in its acquisition by a peer company.*
 - Represented a product engineering company in the sale of certain assets to an electronic design automation company.*
 - Represented a cloud security company through several rounds of capital raising and in its subsequent sale to a computer security software company.*
 - Represented a computer networking company in its sale to a multinational corporation and technology company.*
 - Represented a software company in its sale to a multinational information technology company.*
 - Represented a software company in its acquisition by a technology company.*
 - Represented a semiconductor manufacturing company in the divestiture of its business line to a China-based joint venture and the later sale of the company to an American hardware company.*
 - Represented a computer network company in its sale to a multinational corporation and technology company.*
 - Represented a computer company in its sale to a multinational computational software company.*
 - Represented a software company in its sale to an American electronic design automation company.*
 - Represented a fabless semiconductor company in its acquisition by a technology company.*
 - Represented a Silicon Valley-based startup in its acquisition of a sound system company.*
 - Represented a software-based video processing and delivery company on venture financing transactions, subsequent initial public offering and a later sale to a Swedish multinational networking and telecommunications company.*

**Matters handled prior to joining Foley.*

Community Involvement

- Outside General Counsel, Silicon Valley Education Foundation

Sectors

- [Innovative Technology](#)

- [Semiconductors](#)

Practice Areas

- [Capital Markets & Public Company Advisory](#)
- [Corporate](#)
- [Transactions](#)
- [Venture & Growth Capital](#)

Education

- University of California College of Law, San Francisco (J.D., 2009)
 - Editor-in-Chief, *Hastings Business Law Journal*
- University of California Berkeley (B.A., 2004)

Admissions

- California