

Venture Capital & Emerging Growth Companies Activities □—April 2019

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McCarter's Venture Capital & Emerging Growth Companies Practice empowers clients throughout the development cycle—from ideation to creation, capitalization, implementation, commercialization and monetization. Our leading practice has been ranked globally in venture capital transactions for three consecutive years and 11 consecutive quarters in *PitchBook*. A reflection of our established national prestige and growing international reach, *PitchBook*, in its recently released 2018 Global League Tables, has ranked McCarter:

- 7th in the Mid-Atlantic
- 10th in the United States
- 11th in the world
- 11th in early-stage deals worldwide
- 14th in venture deals outside the United States and Europe
- 19th in Europe

Notable endeavors from our clients and contacts have also made headlines. Backend Benchmarking CEO Ken Shapiro has been named to *Forbes'* 2019 Best-In-State Wealth Advisors in New York. SHOOK Research determines the list based on quality of practice, industry experience, compliance record, assets under management, and revenue. ff Venture Capital was featured among forward-thinking investors in a *Venture Beat* article detailing promising AI technologies. They contributed \$7.6 million to a chat-bot (a market expected to reach \$1.2 billion by 2025) that targets job-seekers and advances the hiring process. And Propelify has received a major grant from the NJ Economic Development Authority, propelling an exciting local partnership that will strengthen Hoboken as a vibrant hub for technological innovation in New Jersey.

Last month, thought leaders in the blockchain, smart contracts, and digital currencies space convened for a candid discussion at NJ Tech Council's Blockchain event hosted in our Newark office. A panel discussion was moderated by Dave Sorin, with panelists ultimately agreeing that laws and regulations must be solidified to help the technology thrive. There were also roundtable discussions supported by McCarter's VC finance, tax, IP, and trusts and estates attorneys, as well as a keynote address presented by McCarter's client Richie Etwaru, founder and CEO of Hu-manity.co.

Take a look at the latest coverage and upcoming events focusing on more hot topics.

05.15.19

Capital Raising Strategies for Early Stage Enterprises – Brooklyn Fashion & Design Accelerator

04.09.19

Blockchain in Southeast Asia: Leading the Way in Thailand – Blockchain in Southeast Asia

04.04.19

What's New in Early Stage Financing? – The Boston Bar Venture Capital and Private Equity Conference

McCarter also will be featured prominently at:

04.25.19

"Princeton Tech Meetup #71 w/Audible Engineering – Best Practices on DevOps for Web Applications"

04.11.19

New Jersey Technology Council's (NJTC) "Venture Conference"

04.02.19

"Morris Tech Meetup #59: Pitch NJ (Youth Shark Tank) with CFO of Bai Beverages"