

## Venture Capital & Emerging Growth Companies May 2021 Highlights

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McCarter's renowned [Venture Capital & Emerging Growth Companies](#) team empowers clients throughout the development cycle—from ideation to creation, capitalization, implementation, commercialization, and monetization.

#### Clients doing great things

Congratulations to client Northpass, a learning platform that makes it fast and easy for scaling companies to train any audience, as the winner of TechUnited: NJ's 2021 Catalyst of Culture Award. This award is presented to an organization with a great reputation, including for high employee happiness, inclusion, remote work practices, employee retention, and employment referrals. It was accepted by Stephen Cornwell, founder & CEO. We have represented Northpass since its inception, including in multiple financing and commercialization transactions.

#### Honored to be recognized

McCarter Partner Dave Sorin, chair of our [Venture Capital & Emerging Growth Companies](#) practice, is ranked nationwide among lawyers by *Chambers USA\**, widely considered the nation's premier survey of law firms, for Startups & Emerging Companies. This is Dave's fifth consecutive year of ranking; he was first recognized in 2017 with Chambers' inaugural rankings in this category. According to one client, "Dave is phenomenal; he's exceptional at developing relationships, [and] he's a logical thinker and a great adviser...." Further recognition has been given to Partner [David Broderick](#), ranked for Corporate/M&A—New Jersey; Partner [Philip Amoa](#), ranked for Corporate/M&A & Alternative Entities—Delaware; and [Ron Leibman](#), ranked nationwide for Transportation: Road (Carriage/Logistics)—USA. McCarter's [Government Contracts](#) and [Product Liability & Mass Tort](#) teams also were recognized with nationwide rankings. In addition, more than 50 of our partners and nearly all of our practice groups were recognized for excellence in their jurisdictions. Rankings are based on in-depth interviews with clients and lawyers, focusing on firms' and individual lawyers' legal capabilities, professional conduct, client service, and commercial awareness.

And McCarter is once again ranked among the regional, national, and global leaders in venture capital by *PitchBook*, a position we have now held for five straight years and 24 consecutive quarters. In addition to showing growth in such US areas as the Southern

and Mountain regions, the current rankings show our increasing strength in multiple industry and technology/life sciences sectors.

## Staying current on digital currencies

So much is happening in the digital currencies space that it can be hard to keep up. Our [Blockchain, Smart Contracts & Digital Currencies](#) group, comprised of a multidisciplinary team of attorneys with a deep understanding of this complex fintech area, stays informed to match the pace of our clients' needs and innovations. In an example of this, we helped form the Blockchain Association of New Jersey, a first-of-its-kind advocacy organization, and are working with New Jersey government officials to help create a regulatory framework whereby the state allows young, innovative companies to grow while stamping out the bad actors. Dave Sorin, because of his deep knowledge in the area, was appointed by New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy to the New Jersey Blockchain Initiative Task Force. \*This award is conferred by Chambers and Partners. A description of the selection methodology can be found [here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

## Events

**6.16.2021**

[International Privacy Laws](#)—Seton Hall University School of Law

**6.16.2021**

[Making Strategic Next-Stage Financial Decisions](#)—Delaware Bio

**6.24.2021**

[Pitch Perfect: Summer Edition](#)—LvUp Ventures

## Media

**5.12.2021**

Howard M. Berkower, Jeffrey S. Muller, and Daniela Calabro co-authored "[Enhanced Opportunities to Benefit from the Employee Retention Credit](#)"—*Tax & Employee Benefits Alert*

**4.29.2021**

Howard M. Berkower and Franklin Barbosa, Jr., co-authored "[Chapter 11 Debtors with Confirmed Plans Are Now Eligible for PPP Loans](#)"—*Bankruptcy and Corporate Alert*

**4.23.2021** Howard M. Berkower and William D. Brown, Jr., co-authored "[SBA's Guidance on the \\$28.6 Billion Restaurant Revitalization Grant Program](#)"—*Corporate Alert*

**4.22.2021** Howard M. Berkower and William D. Brown, Jr., co-authored "[What a Business Needs to Know about the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program](#)"—*Corporate Alert*

**4.1.2021** Patrick Harrity authored Chapter 11, titled "Cannabis Mergers and Acquisitions: The Importance of State Regulatory Compliance and Other Steps of Preparation"—*Health Care and the Business of Cannabis – Legal Questions and Answers Book* Please visit our [Coronavirus Resource Center](#), which contains regularly updated information to assist you and your business during these turbulent times.