

Venture Capital & Emerging Growth Companies November 2019 Highlights

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We are pleased to share outstanding highlights this month about our firm, the venture capital landscape, and our clients and contacts who continuously enrich the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

McCarter Highlight

Dave Sorin has been appointed by New Jersey Governor Philip Murphy to the New Jersey Blockchain Initiative Task Force. As noted in an August press release titled "[Governor Murphy Signs Legislation Strengthening New Jersey's Innovation Economy](#)," the task force will study:

- Opportunities and risks associated with using blockchain and distributed ledger technology;
- Types of blockchains, both public and private, as well as consensus algorithms;
- Projects and use cases currently under development in other states and nations, and how those cases could be applied in New Jersey; and
- How the Legislature can modify current State laws to support secure, paperless recordkeeping.

Client Highlights

Promoting and regulating a safe work environment is a key part of a business's success, and McCarter's Labor & Employment lawyers are here to help navigate the complexities of workplace safety and health regulations, including the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Recently, Tiffany Hubbard counseled a major pharmaceutical client after an employee was injured in an accident in the lab, helping them obtain a favorable resolution with OSHA that resulted in the consolidation of citations, reclassification of a citation, and a significant reduction in the penalties. Also, client fVC was listed on *The Information's* Seed Investors to Watch list, which analyzes which seed investors are likely to have the best returns in the future.

Event Highlights

Dave Sorin spoke at the Ninth Annual Asbury Agile conference, discussing how blockchain technology is helping entrepreneurs democratize large asset investments. More than 200 professionals and students in the tech community came together in Asbury Park, NJ, to attend workshops and learn the latest insights from tech authorities on cross-functional collaboration among project managers, designers, developers, and design systems, among other topics. Also, McCarter and 365x, the leading business accelerator for revenue-generating Israeli

startups, co-hosted an event for entrepreneurial clients and contacts, all of whom had the chance to interact with 365x's current cohort of 15 companies, 365x program operators, and selected members of our network dedicated to the growth of the startup and early-stage company ecosystem.

Take a look below at additional coverage and upcoming events to explore more of the latest in venture capital.

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

Events

11.21.19 Annual Awards Celebration—New Jersey Technology Counsel

11.14.19 [Block II: Industry Learning & Applications](#)—BiTA Symposium Chicago

11.12.19 Wine and Pitch Night

11.07.19 [Business Essentials: Protecting Intellectual Property](#)