

Burns & Levinson Names 3rd Venture Capital Group Co-Chair

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Law360 (November 4, 2022, 3:54 PM EDT) -- Boston-based Burns & Levinson LLP said an attorney with over 25 years experience representing emerging companies and their investors has been appointed the third co-chair of its venture capital and emerging companies practice group.

The firm said Tuesday that Robert Chow will work alongside group founders and current co-chairs Gil Breiman and Stephen Brook.

"I joined here as a lateral, so they wanted to check me out, and I evidently passed the test," Chow said in an interview with Law360 Pulse on Friday. "I think it's great we have three co-chairs because we can draw off each other's experience, and it makes the practice stronger this way."



Robert Chow

According to the firm, the venture capital group works with venture capital funds and angel investors on their investments while also representing the companies being invested in on venture capital financing and the day-to-day challenges of growing their businesses.

The practice group currently consists of around 20 attorneys. Chow said when it comes to growth, they'll make decisions based on the marketplace and the different opportunities that arise.

"I'm really excited," he said. "My goals are to continue expanding the good work that our firm's doing and to increase our stature in the marketplace. We're a smaller but nimble firm and I tend to think of us like Jerry Maguire, we give clients a lot of personal service compared to the larger firms."

Going forward, Chow said his main focuses as co-chair are going to be mentoring the associates who support the venture capital practice and keeping up with the different developments in the industry, such as securities instruments used by investors.

Chow, who graduated from University of California, Berkeley School of Law, has been with Burns & Levinson for the last three years. Before that, he spent nine years as a partner at Foley Hoag LLP and eight with legacy firm Pepper Hamilton LLP.

His practice involves representing both venture capitalists and the companies they invest in, with more of a focus on the company side. Chow said those companies come from a wide range of industries such as health care, fintech, consumer products and artificial intelligence.

"I'm pretty much an omnivore, not focused on a particular industry," Chow said. "I work with a broad range of companies across a broad range of industries."

Some of the recent projects Chow has worked on include a \$125 million Series A funding round for venture capital company Capchase and a \$6.3 million seed funding round for AI inventory tech company Syrup Tech.

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