

# **Gardere Formally Launches Venture Capital and Emerging Business Group**

**Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP** announced the launch of its Venture Capital and Emerging Business Practice Group. This specialty practice group is led by co-chairs and partners Adam C. Hull, Rick Jordan and Glenn T. Singleton, and includes participation from lawyers across all specialty areas, such as intellectual property, labor, tax and executive compensation.

In addition, the group added Majorie Mastin Winters to the firm's Austin office in January. Winters counsels entrepreneurs in matters related to formation, structuring, intellectual property protection and financing. Her background also includes acting as director and of counsel for a program that serves the specific needs of early-stage, high-growth companies.

"Gardere has long been active in the early-stage market, but primarily has focused efforts on later-stage investments," says firm chair Holland N. O'Neil. "With this initiative and the addition of Majorie, we are deploying increased resources to provide earlier-stage clients with increased access to sophisticated legal services and market connections. Simultaneously, our expanded activity in this space will, among other things, provide our venture fund and other investor clients with additional looks at early-stage companies."

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