

# Webcast: IPO and Public Company Readiness: Alternatives to IPOs: Reverse Mergers and Reg A+

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Join partners Branden Berns and Stewart McDowell as we continue our discussion on alternatives to IPOs. This recorded one-hour CLE webcast focuses on reverse mergers and Reg A+ offerings as alternative paths to access the public capital markets. Viewers will gain valuable insight into the benefits of (and considerations for) these transaction structures, which can be attractive alternative transactions that lack some of the disadvantages of a traditional IPO. Key topics include:

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- Overview of reverse merger transaction structures and legal frameworks
- Identifying the most beneficial transaction for your company
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