

Fredrikson & Byron's Emerging Business Group has a long-standing tradition of helping entrepreneurial businesses grow and develop. We see emerging businesses as unique entities with unique needs. We've built a reputation as the firm where "law and business meet" by bringing business acumen and entrepreneurial thinking to our client's work. Over the years, our advice and counsel has helped numerous clients move through the many emerging business growth stages. Along the way we've built up relationships with venture sources in many areas and we maintain a current database of funding sources and seed money networks.

Managing legal work for newer businesses requires a sense of judgment, risk assessment and entrepreneurial thinking. It requires the insight to customize quality tools that are useful and realistic. We have developed strengths in many areas vital to emerging businesses including: Intellectual Property, Medical Products, Business Finance and E-Business. In fact, the range and depth of each of our practice groups means that we are typically able to assemble interdisciplinary teams that are ideal for a given client in terms of background and specialization, with lawyers who operate from a foundation of real-world corporate experience.

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