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Barbara M. Johnson is a partner in the Business & Technology Practice Group at Choate Hall & Stewart LLP. Ms. Johnson practices general corporate and securities law, with an emphasis on advising early and later stage technology companies, private and public securities offerings, and mergers and acquisitions. Ms. Johnson joined the firm as a partner in 2005 and was previously a partner at Testa, Hurwitz & Thibault, LLP.

Ms. Johnson represents leading technology companies ranging from start-ups to venture-backed companies to large, international public companies. She provides advice regarding formation and equity issues, corporate governance, equity and debt financings, compensation and incentive plans, commercial transactions and strategic alliances, and private and public mergers and acquisitions. She also represents venture capital firms in their portfolio company investments and Canadian issuers and investors in cross border transactions.

Ms. Johnson was recently listed in the *Legal 500* for venture capital and emerging company practice, and named to the *Cambridge Who's Who Among Executive and Professional Women "Honors Edition" of the Registry*.

### **Professional and Community Involvement**

Ms. Johnson is a frequent speaker on matters relating to start-up companies and venture capital and is often a guest lecturer at the MIT Sloan School of Management. She is a judge in the MIT \$100K Business Plan Competition and leads the firm's relationship with the MIT Entrepreneurship Center and the Deshpande Center for Technological Innovation. She is a member of the American Bar, Massachusetts Bar and the Boston Bar Association.

### **Education**

Ms. Johnson received her BA *cum laude* from Dartmouth College in 1987 and her JD *magna cum laude* from Boston College Law School in 1993.