

# LESLIE KEIL

## PARTNER

Leslie's practice focuses on counseling emerging ventures, sustainable businesses and established private companies with respect to private equity and debt financing and mergers and acquisitions. She also advises emerging and private companies in connection with corporate formation, strategic contracts, technology licensing, and corporate governance and has a special affinity for assisting social entrepreneurs and investors in forming and funding sustainable businesses.

### CHILDHOOD:

Leslie was born and raised in San Jose, California. She moved to Seattle for college and returned to the Bay Area to attend law school at USF.

### FIRST JOB:

Working in her dad's pharmacy, which he owned for 25 years. She would work as a cashier for him on Saturdays.

### FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEING AN ATTORNEY:

Leslie likes to work with people to accomplish something that they find to be complicated but that she is able to help them with.

### LEAST FAVORITE PART OF THE JOB:

Email and all of the expectations surrounding it.

### WHAT'S YOUR BIGGEST PET PEEVE?

Her pet peeve is when you are talking to someone and you can tell that they have completely stopped listening to you.

### FAVORITE WAY TO SPEND FREE TIME:

Leslie loves to ski and spends her free time either skiing or playing with her dog, a Chihuahua-Maltese named Finnley.

### FAVORITE MOVIES:

*When Harry Met Sally*, *Midnight in Paris*, and *The Princess Bride*.



### IF YOU WEREN'T A LAWYER YOU WOULD BE...

Either writing a novel or working as a ski instructor.

### FAVORITE BOOK:

*East of Eden*, by John Steinbeck and *The Giving Tree*, by Shel Silverstein.

### WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET?

Margaret Thatcher.

### FAVORITE BAY AREA DESTINATION:

She loves to go to Crissy Field and look at the Golden Gate Bridge. It reminds her of how beautiful San Francisco is and of how lucky she is to live here.

### FAVORITE CAUSE:

Her favorite cause is Full Circle Fund, an organization that works to find innovative solutions to the world's pressing social problems.

### FAVORITE RESTAURANT:

Rich Table in Hayes Valley.

### WHAT BOOK ARE YOU READING RIGHT NOW?

*The Shadow of the Wind*, by Carlos Ruiz Zafón.

### WHAT IS SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?

Leslie is on the ski patrol and every year she goes on a back country ski trip with a group of friends near Nelson, British Columbia, that is only accessible by helicopter!

### LAST PLACE YOU VACATIONED:

Leslie went to Croatia this summer and spent the entire trip sailing.

### WHAT'S ON YOUR IPOD?

The Lumineers.