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Chandra works with growth stage and early stage startups and venture firms and other angel and strategic investors who fund them. Chandra provides legal and strategic advice to founders, investors and boards on corporate governance matters, debt and equity financings and mergers and acquisitions. Chandra also provides general legal and strategic guidance through all phases of her startup clients' life cycles, from formation to exit and everything in between.

Chandra serves as a member of the leadership committee for both the Women's Initiative Network and the Diversity Leadership Network at Lowenstein. She is dedicated to advancing the role of women in the legal profession and increasing diversity and inclusion initiatives at the firm and beyond.

Prior to joining Lowenstein, Chandra served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Arthur S. Weissbrodt, United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California, and held positions as a legal extern in the Worldwide Commercial Transactions group at Sandisk Corp. and under the General Counsel at Force10 Networks Inc. (acquired by Dell).

## NEWS & INSIGHTS

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### Publications

- > September 16, 2019  
**"Is Your California Worker an Employee or an Independent Contractor?,"** *Employment Counseling & Litigation Client Alert*  
Julie Levinson Werner, Chandra K. Shih

### In the Media

- > April 19, 2021  
In an interview with **Authority Magazine**, **Meredith Beuchaw** and **Chandra Shih** talk about their work in the technology sector, what has influenced them, and why it is important to increase the number of women founders in this field. Beuchaw says, "We're missing half the great ideas if women are not founding companies and getting funded. We need women because we are missing out on innovation if we do not have women-founded companies." Shih adds: "Getting more women funded and seeing more women succeed will create a domino effect – it's the whole idea that representation matters."  
Both Shih and Beuchaw are members of Lowenstein Sandler's **Tech Group**, known for representing the underrepresented. Shih, who works with growth stage and early stage startups as well as venture firms and other angel and strategic investors, talks about having been recruited and mentored by her former law school professor and managing partner of the firm's Palo Alto office, **Kathi Rawnsley**: "In addition to enjoying the work we do and the people I get to work with, it has been so fantastic to start and grow my career at a place where I could see women had a seat at the table at the highest levels of the firm."  
When asked to name her influences, Beuchaw, who leads M&A transactions and has counseled clients both on the buy and sell side through hundreds of deals for over 15 years, cites Michelle Obama's quote, "When they go low, we go high." "It is about not letting others' poor behavior be an excuse for our own," she says. "This is especially important as we see more women on boards and in decision-making positions. Sadly, most of us have been at the received end of bad behavior along the way, but it is important not to let that be the standard for our behavior now and realize we can bring our moral high ground with us."  
Shih references Stacey Abrams' book, **Lead from the Outside**, as a helpful guide that "focuses on the challenges that women, people of color and those in the LGBTQ community might have in starting their career, as they are told, 'to advance you must be a leader,' but may not know where to begin because the system they're trying to advance in was not built for them."
- > May 26, 2020  
Lowenstein's representation of **Aspiration Partners, Inc.** in its \$135 million Series C financing round is noted in the **Global Legal Chronicle**. The Lowenstein team was led by **Anthony O. Pergola** and **Chandra K. Shih** and included **Juan B. Soto** and Christopher T. Pham. **View Lowenstein's news announcement about this transaction.**
- > May 21, 2020  
**Fortune** reports that Lowenstein client Aspiration Partners, a fast-growing financial firm with a conscience, has secured \$135 million Series C financing, bringing total funding raised to date to more than \$200 million. The Lowenstein team was led by **Anthony O. Pergola** and **Chandra K. Shih** and included **Juan B. Soto** and **Christopher T. Pham**.
- > February 20-21, 2020  
**AltAssets** and **GlobeNewswire** report on Lowenstein's representation of **One Inc.** in the company's recapitalization led by Great Hill Partners. The Lowenstein deal team included

## EDUCATION

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- > Santa Clara University School of Law (J.D. 2011)
- > Santa Clara University (B.A. 2008)

## ADMISSIONS

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- > California
- > Hawaii