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ROGER ROYSE is the founder and owner of the Royse Law Firm (www.rroyselaw.com), a 27 lawyer firm with offices in San Francisco, Silicon Valley and the Silicon Beach that helps build great companies. Practicing law since 1984, Roger's background includes work with prominent San Francisco Bay area and New York City law firms. He is a frequent speaker, writer, radio guest, blogger and panelist for bar associations, CPA organizations, and business groups. Roger is a Northern California [Super Lawyer](#), is [AV Peer-Rated](#) by Martindale Hubbell, and has a "[Superb](#)" rating from Avvo.

Roger is active in leadership roles with several bar associations, including the following:

- Chair of the [Taxation Committee](#) of the ABA Business Law Section;
- Chair of the [Tax Policy and Simplification Committee](#) of the ABA Tax Section;
- Chair of the [Tax Policy, Practice and Legislation](#) of the State Bar of California Taxation Section;
- Vice Chair of the [Committee on Tax Practice Management](#) of the ABA Tax Section;
- Fellow of the [American Bar Foundation](#);
- California State Delegate to the [ABA House of Delegates](#);
- Past President of the [Palo Alto Area Bar Association](#); and
- Member of the California Bar Business Law Section Agri-Business Committee.

Roger recently formed one the first law firm sponsored legal incubators, the [RoyseLaw Legal Incubator](#), to provide mentorship and training to new lawyers who will provide pro bono and low bono legal services to underserved Legal markets. Roger is also the organizer of [Silicon Valley AgTech](#) and [Silicon Valley AgTech Conference](#) and runs the [AgTech Innovation Network](#), and early stage incubator and network for tech companies in the agriculture and food markets. Roger is a 2014 and 2015 recipient of the [Innovator Award](#), presented by The Recorder, for the [RoyseLaw Legal Wizard](#), and owns several websites, including [Royse University](#) (a content

site). Roger organized, hosted and moderated a first ever [Presidential Candidates Forum](#) in 2015 in which 5 presidential candidates participated.

Roger is a vice chair of the [Lincoln Club of Northern California](#), a participating instructor of corporate law for the [Center for International Legal Studies](#) (Salzburg Austria) and is an adjunct Professor of Taxation (Corporate Tax, Property Transactions and International Taxation) for [Golden Gate University](#) School of Law. Roger is the founder of the [Royse Foundation](#) and the philanthropic organization [Team Motion to Dismiss Cancer](#) which conducts high profile auctions of meetings with venture capitalists to raise money for charity and has been recognized for his efforts on behalf of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society by being named the [2012 San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Man of the Year](#). Roger is currently a member of the Menlo Park [General Plan Advisory Committee \(GPAC\)](#), which has been formed to study the update to the general plan for a substantial part of the community (including the premises on which Facebook resides), and is a board member of [Asian, Inc.](#), a nonprofit dedicated to assisting minority owned businesses and disadvantaged individuals. Roger has been interviewed and quoted in the *Chicago Tribune*, *Associated Press*, *Tax Notes*, *Wall Street Journal*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Reuters*, *The Recorder*, *7X7* and *Fast Company*.

DEAD ON ARRIVAL: HOW TO AVOID THE LEGAL MISTAKES THAT COULD KILL YOUR STARTUP

Roger is the author of the recently published [Dead on Arrival: How to Avoid the Legal Mistakes That Could Kill Your Startup](#). Facebook page is at <https://www.facebook.com/DeadOnArrivalBook>

ELECTRONIC MEDIA: PROFESSIONAL/PERSONAL WEBSITES AND BLOGS

- Professional website: [Royse Law Firm](#)
- Personal website: www.RogerRoyse.com
- Royse Law Firm blog: <http://rroyselawblog.com>
- Personal Blog: <http://www.rogerroyse.com/blog/>
- LinkedIn Profile: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/rogerroyse>
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AWARDS

6th Best Law Firm in the Nation in 2016 for women attorneys by [Law 360](#)
2015 Recorder [Innovator Award](#) for the [RoyseLaw Legal Incubator](#)
2014 Recorder [Innovator Award](#) for the [RoyseLaw Legal Wizard](#)
2012 [San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Man of the Year](#)

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Inc.com, [Lettuce-Weeding Robots, Coming Soon to a Farm Near You](#), June 16, 2017
Over Coffee®, [A Revolution to Feed a Growing World](#), Interview March 11, 2017
Nikkei Asian Review, [Agtech is a new darling for investors](#), December 8, 2016
Quoted in **Tax Notes**, *A Preview of Possible Tax Incentives for Innovation*, November 28, 2016
Reported in the **Chicago Tribune**, [Startups, Farmers and big biz come to Midwest](#), November 12, 2016
Michigan Agriculture Days' End [Radio Report and Interview with Roger Royse](#), November 1, 2016
Urban Ag News, [Royse Law's AgTech Innovation Network Comes to San Diego](#), August 25 2016
The Californian, [Ag tech: A coming thing, but 'don't bet the farm'](#), September 4, 2015
Reported in **San Francisco Chronicle**, [Lots of Tech Talk](#), September 24, 2015

Quoted in **ComputerWorld**, [The Internet of Growing Things](#), June 4, 2015
Quoted in **GreenBiz.com**, [Will Silicon Valley ag tech really grow with farmers](#), May 13, 2015
Interviewed by **FreshFruitPortal.com**, [Royse: Drones, water tech and the future of agriculture](#), April 28, 2015
Interview, **Silicon Valley Game Changers**, [AgTech Emerges](#), April 15, 2015
Quoted in **7x7 Magazine**, [Royse Law Incubator Wants to Bridge Tech and Agriculture](#), April 9, 2015
Quoted in **Wall Street Journal**, [Silicon Valley Firms Plant Roots in Farm Belt](#), April 6, 2015
Interview **Fast Company**, [Silicon Valley Meets America's Salad Bowl To Create Farm Of The Future](#), March 16, 2015
Interview by **Reuters**, [Farmers Disappointed by Restrictions in Proposed Drone Rules](#), February 18, 2015
[Interview](#) by **Food Chain Radio**, January 17, 2015
[Innovations in the Food World Often Start with Technology](#) **Supermarket Guru**, January 15, 2015
[High-tech farming poised to change the way the world eats](#), **San Jose Mercury News**, Nov 25, 2014
[Roger Royse discusses The RoyseLaw Legal Wizard](#), **Lawpreneur Radio**, Nov 17, 2014
[Gardening goes high-tech in Silicon Valley](#), **San Jose Mercury News**, May 23, 2014
[Interview](#) by **Exit Coach Radio**, January 15, 2014
[Interview](#) by **KSBW Action News** on Salinas Shopping Center Utilizes Crowdfunding, December 27, 2013
[The Olga Show](#), **92.3 FM**, May 18, 2013; July 20, 2013
AGTech Summit in Mountain View, [TV News Report](#), May 15, 2013
[American Dreams: Keys to Life's Success](#), **KDOW 1220 AM**, May 8, 2013
Crowdfunding, [eFactor](#), January 25, 2013
The Pitfalls of Crowdfunding, [Bankless Times](#), January 10, 2013
[The Shah Peerally Law Show](#), **KLOK 1170AM**, May 4, 2012
[Strategies for Real Estate](#), **San Jose Channel 15**, September 2010

REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Practicing Law Institute, March 2017
Global Forum for Innovations in Agriculture (GFIA), March 2017
Legal Marketing Association, March 2017
InBia Entrepreneurs Conference, March 2017
Licensing Executives Society, December 2016
Financial Planning Forum, December 2016
California Farm Labor Contractors Association, November 2016
San Diego Young Tax Lawyers, September 2016
International Technology Law Association, May 2016
American Bar Association Section of Business Law, April 2016
American Bar Association Section of Taxation, January 2016
ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law, August 2011
Financial Executives Institute – November 2015
Federalist Society: Silicon Valley Chapter, November 2015
Association for Corporate Growth, August 2015
American Agricultural Law Association, June 2015
TEI-SJSU Tax Policy Conference, May 2015
San Francisco Tax Club, March 2015
Stanford law School CodeX, March, 2015
Carmel International Film Festival, October 2014
TECH Law Conference, February 2014
2013 Mellem Business Symposium, October 2013
Strafford Legal Webinars, August 2013
CalCPA Asia Business Forum, June 2013
State Bar of California, Tax Section, November 2012
Santa Clara County Bar Association, September 2012
MobileMonday Silicon Valley/ Monthly Meeting of the Mobile Industry, July 2012

Vator Events: Venture Shift, July 2012

Bar Association of San Francisco, Business Section, June 2012

The U.S. Commercial Service of the American Embassy in Ljubljana, Slovenia, March 2012

The U.S. Commercial Service of the American Embassy in Bratislava, Slovakia, March 2012

The U.S. Commercial Service of the American Embassy in Bucharest, Romania, March 2012

State Bar of California, Tax Section, March 2012

California CPA, July 2011

Los Angeles Young Tax Lawyers, February 2011

San Francisco Young Tax Lawyers

PUBLICATIONS

Contributor to "[Employers and the Law: 2013-14 Anthology of Best Articles](#)" (August 2014).

"[The valley needs tax reform](#)" San Jose Business Journal (April 2013).

"[Buying and Selling a Business, Practical Tax Consequences](#)" California Business Law Practitioner (December 2011).

"Tax Issues In Connection With Partnership Equity Compensation, Options And Restricted Interests," California CPA OnLine, March 2002.

"Intercompany Agreements," Transfer Pricing Handbook 1999 Edition.

"Inverworld and Taisei Clarify Effectively Connected Income Guidelines for Foreign Companies with U.S. Affiliates," High Tech Industry, July/August 1997.

"RRA '93 Limits Application of Portfolio Interest Exemption," 79 Journal of Taxation 360 (December 1993).

Co-Author, "Effectively Connected Income in a Global Economy," 6 Tax Notes Int'l 925 (1993).

Co-Author, "A Critical Look at the Earnings Stripping Regulations," 18 Int'l Tax Journal 51 (Summer 1992).

Co-Author, "Recent Developments in U.S. Information and Recordkeeping: The Compliance Net Tightens on Foreign Corporations," 17 Int'l Tax. Journal 16 (Fall 1991).

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