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Kirupa Pushparaj is the General Counsel and Corporate Secretary at Step, a fintech company based out of Palo Alto that seeks to improve the financial future of the next generation through modern financial tools and education. As a member of the executive team, he oversees the company's legal, policy, compliance and trust & safety functions, in addition to playing an integral role in the general management of the company. Kirupa is also the executive sponsor and product lead for Step's crypto and stock investment line of products, which gives him a platform to build product offerings in compliant, responsible and forward-thinking ways.

Prior to Step, Kirupa was the Deputy General Counsel at Block (formerly Square), where he led the company's global IP functions and legal operations. While at Block, Kirupa also led industry-wide initiatives in the cryptocurrency space, helping to create legal and regulatory frameworks for adoption by the industry to promote crypto innovation and adoption. Prior to Block, Kirupa has held roles as a corporate counsel at Amazon and as an IP and litigation attorney at Perkins Coie LLP.

In addition to his law degree, Kirupa holds a master's degree in electrical engineering, and has worked as an engineer at technology companies such as Intel Corporation and Siemens prior to his career in law. Kirupa is passionate about teaching and helping build the next generation of amazing legal minds and continues to teach as an adjunct professor at Stanford Law School and at the University of California, Davis.