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David has more than three decades of experience representing public and private companies in a broad range of corporate and securities matters, with a strong focus on securities offerings and disclosures, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, and board of directors matters.

OVERVIEW

David is vice chair of the firm. His practice includes the representation of issuers and underwriters in a range of capital-raising transactions, including equity and debt offerings.

David advises public companies and their directors and officers in federal disclosure compliance and corporate governance matters. He also advises boards of directors on fiduciary duties and strategic initiatives. In addition, David has extensive experience in strategic mergers and acquisitions, representing clients across numerous industries, including energy, waste management, banking, and industrial services.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Securities

- Equity and debt offerings for major international energy companies.
- Equity and debt offerings for a large funeral home and cemetery company.
- Equity and debt offerings for various master limited partnerships.
- Equity and debt offerings in energy, banking, environmental, corrections, title insurance, and technology industries.

Mergers and Acquisitions

- \$3.7 billion acquisition involving U.S. and Canadian waste companies.
- \$4.7 billion sale by an electric utility to a private equity group.
- \$330 million public acquisition of an industrial servicing company.
- \$1 billion U.S. banking acquisition involving two major Texas financial institutions.
- \$480 million sale of a public wastewater company.

- \$400 million sale of a public food products company.
- \$1.5 billion sale of a public industrial products company.
- Numerous acquisitions and divestitures in energy, technology, electronics, banking, deathcare, environmental, chemical, and industrial servicing industries.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America®*: Corporate Law and Securities / Capital Markets Law (2014-2026)
- *Super Lawyers®* Texas, Mergers & Acquisitions (2013-2019)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Capital Markets
- Corporate
- Corporate Governance
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Private Equity

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Houston Bar Association
- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member and past board chair, Theatre Under The Stars
- Board of directors, Oldham Little Church Foundation
- Advisory board of directors, Greater Houston Area, Salvation Army
- Board member, Greater Houston Partnership
 - Past chair, Regional Economic Development Advisory Committee
- Past board member, Central Houston Inc.
- Past board member, Houston Chapter of the Texas General Counsel Forum
- Past board member, Children's Fund

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- The University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 1988
- The University of Texas at Austin, B.B.A., *with honors*, 1985

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Mental Health, An Existential Crisis in the Legal Industry: A Case Study and Potential Solutions," Legal Innovators, March 30, 2022.

MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Quoted, “Resilient Texas Legal Market Meets Choppy Start in 2024,” *Law360*, January 2, 2024.
- Quoted, “Leaders of Homegrown Texas Law Firms Reflect on 2022, Forecast 2023,” *Texas Lawyer*, December 28, 2022.
- Quoted, “Pandemic Finances – From Fear to Confidence (Part 1), In 2020, Texas Firms Dodge Worst Fears,” *The Texas Lawbook*, February 1, 2021.
- Profile, “Leading Questions: Locke Lord Chair David Taylor,” *Bloomberg*, October 2, 2020.
- Quoted, “Houston Things to Watch in 2020: Innovation, VC, banking, hospitals, law firms,” *Houston Business Journal*, January 3, 2020.