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Areas of Concentration

- Corporate Finance & Corporate Transactions
- Securities Law Compliance
- Entity Formation
- Strategic Alliances
- Corporate Governance & Compliance
- Commercial Agreements

Practical Experience

Over 15 years of legal experience with 6 years as a senior trusted legal advisor to numerous business groups in a Fortune 9 global legal department, drafting and negotiating complex commercial agreements with cross-business and cross-functional teams; advising on commercial matters for key business units, including antitrust issues, consumer law, strategic alliances and complex global transactions. Over 4 years as Lead M&A/Securities Counsel to a Fortune 50 technology company representing Treasury, Finance and Corporate Development groups on mergers and acquisitions, investment activity; SEC compliance; and Board matters. Prior to 10 years of in-house experience, spent many years in private practice advising mid-cap and large-cap clients on mergers and acquisition activity, securities law compliance (including '33 Act and '34 Act and stock exchange compliance), corporate compliance and governance, and general corporate law.

For 10 years prior to entering law school, served as Chief Internal Auditor to a Fortune 100 manufacturing company and Audit Supervisor for PricewaterhouseCoopers, managing internal and external audit activity and advising executive management on accounting issues related to corporate finance, mergers and acquisition and IPO activity.

- Director, Senior Counsel – Hewlett-Packard Company, a global technology solutions provider
- Director, Senior Counsel – Compaq Computer Corporation, a global technology company
- Director, Senior Counsel, Assistant Secretary – CPQ Holdings, Inc., Compaq's wholly-owned investment subsidiary, holding 128 investments (technology and biotech start ups)
- Senior Associate in the Corporate & Securities Section of Porter & Hedges, specializing in mergers and acquisitions and securities/capital market transactions

Education

JD, from University of Houston Law Center

BBA in Accounting, from University of Texas

Certified Public Accountant, licensed in Texas

Professional Associations and Community Involvement

Member of the State Bar of Texas and ABA, Business Law Committee; Houston Bar Association, Past Professionalism Committee member, Mentor Program Co-Chair

CPA Societies: American Institute of CPAs; Texas State Society of CPAs

Association of Corporate Counsel, SEC Committee

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