

J. David Washburn

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Practices

FOCUS: Corporate
China
Corporate Governance
Distressed and Special Situations Investing
Entrepreneurial Ventures
International
Mergers and Acquisitions
Private Equity
White Collar and Internal Investigations

Industries

Technology

Education

JD, The University of Tulsa College of Law,
with highest honors, Order of the Curule
Chair

BA, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Bar Admissions

Texas

"David Washburn and his team are the best. They are business partners, not just lawyers."

*- U.S. News – Best Lawyers® 2022 "Best Law Firms"
(Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law) survey response*

When business owners, boards of directors and investment bankers are tasked with buying or selling a sophisticated business enterprise, they call David Washburn. And should a controversy arise following closing, clients seek David out to fully understand their options, mitigate losses and plan their next steps. Having been recognized as one of the *Best Lawyers in America* since 2015 and as co-chair of Katten's Private Equity and M&A practice, David is a true legal strategist who brings a passion for winning and a proven ability to get things done.

Unique experience coupled with an ability to solve problems

M&A transactions have become exponentially more complex in recent years. In addition, an increasing number of high value transactions are resulting in some form of post-closing controversy – whether as a result of a working capital true-up dispute; earn-out or other purchase price issue; indemnity claim; or alleged misconduct on the part of one of the parties. Armed with a rare "360-view" of these transactions, David utilizes his in-depth understanding of market trends, relevant case law and complex transaction structures, as well as his skills as a persuasive negotiator, to meet his clients' business objectives – whether that is getting the deal done on time, within budget and without controversy or securing a client's rights after the deal is already done, but controversy appears unavoidable.

Representative Experience

- Lead counsel in M&A transactions in a variety of industries including technology, aerospace, automotive, food and beverage, healthcare, oil and gas, manufacturing, distribution, timeshare, finance, and construction services.
- Represented significant FinTech company in its sale to a publicly traded industry participant.
- Represented Kore.ai, the world leader in conversational AI technology, in numerous financing M&A transactions.
- Lead counsel to Special Committee of Board of Directors of Lamson