



Texas Lawbook Features Q&A with Dallas 'Dealmaker' and New M&A Partner Dilen Kumar

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In an in-depth interview with *The Texas Lawbook*, new Mergers and Acquisitions partner Dilen Kumar discussed his background in public and private practice, emerging trends and his vision for growing his Private Equity practice at Katten.

In discussing his move to Katten, Dilen described the firm as a widely respected leader in private equity transactions.

"Moving to Katten is an opportunity to be part of this tremendous platform and to continue to provide best in class counsel to clients," he said, adding that he was drawn to work with a talented team in Dallas. "They are a tight-knit group that, like me, thrive on collaboration and creativity and so I felt that made for a good, solid partnership. It's also exciting to join an office that is experiencing tremendous growth in such a short time."

Dilen, who has worked on racial justice initiatives and is co-chair of the Texas Minority Counsel Program, was also attracted to Katten because of its robust pro bono program and its commitment to moving the needle on diversity, equity and inclusion.

Looking ahead at emerging practice trends, Dilen said he already sees greater focus on technology and innovation as targets for both strategic and Private Equity acquirers. The resulting competitive auction processes require "speed and efficiency from advisors and business teams." Additionally, Dilen expects continued growth in the prioritization of ESG factors in evaluating targets.

Mark Solomon, Corporate managing partner of Katten's Dallas office, told the publication he's excited to welcome Dilen.

"We've worked across the table from Dilen and know him personally, too. He's somebody we've had our eye on for a long time. He's a great lawyer and a great person," Solomon said.

["Katten Recruits Kirkland Deal Partner in Dallas,"](#) *The Texas Lawbook*, Sept. 8, 2021

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