Victor B. Zanetti

Partner

Corporate

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Victor Zanetti represents private equity funds, family offices and venture capital growth funds in mergers and acquisitions (M&A) and corporate finance transactions. He also assists founders and owners of privately held businesses in selling to private equity funds and strategic buyers. Vic also advises owners of professional sports franchises in a variety of matters.

Private equity experience in key industries

Vic represents private equity funds in connection with acquisition, follow-on and sale transactions for portfolio companies involved in various industries, including manufacturing, professional sports, business services, health care services, industrial services, and other service industries.

Vic is engaged regularly as special counsel to founders and owners in negotiating retained equity stakes when selling their businesses to financial buyers. He also represents both investment funds and recipient public companies in private investment in public equity (PIPE) transactions, involving convertible debt, convertible preferred stock, warrants and related investments.

Practices

- Corporate
- Health Care
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity

Industries

- Entrepreneurial Ventures
- Sports and Sports Facilities

Education

- JD, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, *with honors*
- BA, University of Notre Dame, *with honors*

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Professional & Community Involvement

- Dallas Bar Association

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Representative Experience

- Represented private equity funds in acquisition, follow-on and sale transactions for portfolio companies involved in various industries, including manufacturing and sales, business services, health care services, and industrial services.
- Represented a growth-oriented private equity firm in acquiring a provider of environmental solutions and industrial services, a manufacturer of super-premium branded pet food products, a strategic litigation support partner (including subsequent add-on acquisitions of two peer companies, a subpoena and document service, and a court reporting company), a provider of auto auction services (including subsequent add-on acquisitions of two peer companies), a provider of digital marketing services (including several add-on acquisitions), a provider of expert engineering testimony services, a provider of expert testimony services, and a provider of investigative professional services.
- Represented growth-oriented private equity firm in the disposition of a manufacturer of premium branded pet foods, a movie theater chain, and an eating disorder treatment center and an addiction treatment center, a wholesale automobile auction company, a provider of litigation support services, an industrial cleaning and environmental services company, a default management services to law firms and loan services, and an investigative professional services firm and a provider of expert engineering testimony services.
- Represented private companies in obtaining venture capital and bank financings, and in sale transactions to strategic or financial buyers. Negotiated terms of retained ownership positions for owners selling to private equity funds.*
- Represented owners in sale of a walk-in urgent care clinic chain.*
- Represented owners in the sale of a physical therapy company.*
- Represented owners in the sale of a provider of interventional and non-interventional solutions for pain.*
- Represented owners in sale of a residential waste management services provider.*
- Represented owners in the recapitalization of a gelato chain.*
- Represented owners in recapitalization of a provider of communications platforms for businesses.*

- Represented owner/manager of sports franchises in the sale of two MLS franchises, expansion of a stadium and acquisition of an ECHL minor league hockey franchise.*
- Represented premium supplier of home textile products in acquiring certain assets from a textile and finished goods company.*
- Represented majority owners and board of an MLB franchise in a joint venture for an entertainment district and hotel complex development.*
- Represented leading prepaid payment network in acquiring various companies in the corporate, retail, and employee gift and reward cards marketplace.*
- Represented investment funds and recipient public companies in PIPE transactions involving convertible debt, convertible preferred stock, warrants and related investments.*

*Experience prior to Katten

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *ALM*
  - Texas' Top Rated Lawyers, 2012
- *D Magazine*
  - Best Lawyers in Dallas, 2015, 2017, 2021–2025
- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Recommended Attorney, 2012, 2016–2017, 2022–2025
- *The Texas Lawbook*
  - #5 Lead Lawyer in Texas M&A (by deal count), Full Year 2015; Top 3 Dealmaker, 2023

News

- Katten Advises Trinity Hunt Partners' Portfolio Company IMS Legal Strategies on Sale to Uplift Investors (April 8, 2026)
- Katten Represents IMS Legal Strategies, LLC in Acquisition (December 23, 2025)
- Katten Receives High Marks in the Legal 500 US 2025 Guide (June 11, 2025)

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- *D Magazine* Recognizes Eight Dallas Partners as 2025 Best Lawyers (April 30, 2025)
- Katten Represents Supreme Group in Acquisition of Kadiko (March 6, 2025)
- Katten Highly Ranked in Legal 500 United States 2024 (June 12, 2024)
- *D Magazine* Features 13 Dallas Partners as 2024 Best Lawyers (April 24, 2024)
- *Texas Lawbook* Features Victor Zanetti as 2023 Top Three Dealmaker (April 9, 2024)
- Katten Lauded in The Legal 500 United States 2023 (June 9, 2023)
- *D Magazine* Recognizes 12 Dallas Partners on 2023 Best Lawyers List (April 27, 2023)
- *Texas Lawbook* Reflects on Five Years of Katten in Dallas in Q&A With Mark Solomon (April 14, 2023)
- Katten Awarded Top Ranking in Structured Finance: Securitization in The Legal 500 United States 2022 (June 8, 2022)
- Dallas Attorneys Recognized in *D Magazine*'s 2022 Best Lawyers List (April 22, 2022)
- *Texas Lawbook* Features Vic Zanetti, The ‘Go-To' Attorney for Trinity Hunt Partners (February 11, 2022)
- Katten Represents Mid America Pet Food, LLC in Its Acquisition of Nature's Logic (August 3, 2021)
- *D Magazine* Names Katten Partners to Best Lawyers in Dallas List (April 23, 2021)
- Mark Solomon and Victor Zanetti guide retailers and banks on navigating gift card regulations for *Bloomberg Law* (October 10, 2019)
- New Katten Dallas Office, Corporate Partners Garner Media Attention (February 7, 2018)
- Katten Launches New Dallas Office with Corporate Heavyweights (February 5, 2018)

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Presentations and Events

- Katten Webinar: Closing the Deal – Health Care Private Equity Trends and Triggers (October 24, 2018) | *Moderator*
- M&A Representations and Warranties Insurance: Effective Tools and Tactics to Mitigate Risks in Closing the Deal (July 12, 2018) | *Presenter*
- Accounting and Dispute Resolution Implications of Representations and Warranties Insurance (April 5, 2017) | *Presenter*
- The Dallas Chapter of Alliance of M&A Advisors (AM&AA) (November 7, 2013) | *Presenter* | *Structuring a Successful LOI*