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Hayden is a corporate attorney who focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions, equity financing, and general corporate matters.

Hayden helps his clients achieve their strategic business objectives by using a sensible, business-centric approach gained during his time as in-house counsel with a Fortune 100 company.

Hayden regularly represents buyers and sellers in connection with both strategic and private equity-backed acquisitions and dispositions across a wide range of industries, including manufacturing and healthcare.

Over his career, Hayden has counseled a broad spectrum of clients ranging from founders seeking an exit to key stakeholders of publicly traded companies looking to make a strategic acquisition. This broad client base has provided Hayden with valuable insight into the various perspectives and considerations that often surface during the lifecycle of a transaction.

Select Experience

- Represented, as in-house counsel, an NYSE-listed Fortune 100 company in connection with various acquisitions and dispositions of operating businesses and assets. *
- Represented an NYSE-listed corporation in the \$375 million all-equity sale of its highway products division to a private equity buyer. *
- Represented a Texas-based multiple-location home health provider in the \$80 million all-equity sale of its business to a private equity buyer. *
- Represented the Related Party Transactions Committee of the Board of Directors of an NYSE-listed REIT in connection with the Board's review and consideration of the REIT's contribution of hotel assets to an affiliated private REIT in exchange for operating partnership equity. *

Education

- Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law (J.D., 2018)
 - *cum laude*; Articles Editor, *SMU Science & Technology Law Review*; 2018 Don M. Smart Directed Research Award
- Washington State University (B.A., Political Science, 2014)
 - *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Dallas Bar Association
- Member, Dallas Association of Young Lawyers
- Co-Chair, 2021-2022 Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Deal Bootcamp Subcommittee

Accolades

- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program
- *Texas Super Lawyers®*, "Rising Stars", 2024, 2026

Additional Information

- Co-Author, Professional Liability, 6 SMU ANN. TEX. SURV. 259 (2020).
- Co-Author, Professional Liability, 5 SMU ANN. TEX. SURV. 291 (2020).
- Co-Author, Business Succession Planning for Baby Boomers, Dallas Bar Association Headnotes (November 2019).
- Author, Tales from the Crypt: The Securities Law Implications of Initial Coin Offerings and a Framework for a Compliant ICO, 46 SEC. REG. L.J. 309 (2018).
- Co-Author, Investor Fairness in Securities Arbitration: A Perceptual Issue?, 45 SEC. REG. L.J. 259 (2017).
- Co-Author, Luxottica Group, S.p.A. v. Greenbriar Marketplace II, LLC—Landlord is "Knocked Off" by Tenant's Conduct, ICSC Shopping Center Legal Update (June 2017).