

Corporate Governance

The relationships between corporations and their stakeholders are undergoing significant changes, as roles and objectives shift rapidly. Public companies must comply with regulations imposed by the SEC and the stock exchanges, but this compliance is often only the beginning of a company's obligations. Corporate officers, directors, shareholders and their respective advisors are presented with more important challenges—and opportunities—in employing good governance to build the value of the enterprise.

We collaborate with our clients to enhance their corporate governance, across the full range of these endeavors. For our attorneys, understanding the rules and customary approaches is “table stakes”—we are at our best in partnering with our clients to deal with complex challenges and non-routine situations. Clients appreciate our deep understanding of their business and stakeholders, our practical guidance and our experiences in advising many leading companies. We collaborate with them to improve board and corporate performance.

We address the full range of corporate governance matters, including:

- we convene networks of governance leaders, including the Lead Director Network, the Southeast Board Leadership Network and the Directors Exchange, to explore the most critical issues facing public company boards, and share insights with our public company clients;
- we work with our clients to develop the most effective approaches for engaging with their shareholders, including ongoing dialog and approaches to shareholder initiatives;
- we advise clients with respect to the use of board special committees, as well as internal investigations, governmental investigations, and civil and criminal enforcement actions;
- we collaborate in creating effective approaches to

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board development, including processes to evaluate board performance, ensure board refreshment and improve director performance;

- we conduct comprehensive governance reviews, so that a client may draw from the most effective practices employed by other leading companies;
- we help our clients implement effective compliance and risk management programs, and plan for contingencies, whether business emergencies, management succession or proposals from activists; and
- we advise boards and their committees in approaching mergers and acquisitions, other change of control situations, and proxy contests.

Cases & Deals

May 25, 2023

Mullen Automotive, Inc. Obtains Order Significantly Reducing Fees

December 21, 2022

RealNetworks Closes Acquisition of Company by CEO Rob Glaser

August 2, 2022

General Motors Company Completes Green Bond Offering

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Insights

ARTICLE

October 13, 2023

What boards of directors should understand about AI

CLIENT ALERT

July 31, 2023

SEC Adopts Final Cybersecurity Disclosure Rules

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May 5, 2023

SEC Adopts Share Repurchase Amendments

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Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

January 22, 2024

Dixie Johnson to Chair and Elizabeth Morgan to Speak at the 51st Securities Regulation Institute Conference

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September 8, 2023

Paul Murphy to Speak at 9th Annual Southeastern White Collar Crime Institute

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June 27, 2023

Vera Powell to Speak at Women in Compliance Summit

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News

IN THE NEWS

January 31, 2024

Justin King, Will Jordan, John Sweet, Andrea Demick and Archie Wilson represent Arthur Blank, a member of the Strategic Sports Group, in a \$3B partnership deal with the PGA Tour

IN THE NEWS

December 21, 2023

Cal Smith discusses the political backlash against ESG and explains how it has impacted companies

IN THE NEWS

December 20, 2023

Cal Smith comments on the SEC's rules on corporate climate disclosures that are expected to be released in April 2024

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