

# Corporate Governance

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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

*February 17, 2026*

Genuine Parts Company to Split into Two Public Companies

*October 15, 2024*

King & Spalding Helps Bring 2028 Super Bowl to Atlanta

*May 25, 2023*

Mullen Automotive, Inc. Obtains Order Significantly Reducing Fees

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## Insights

### CLIENT ALERT

*March 18, 2026*

New U.S. Insider Reporting Rules for Foreign Private Issuers: Who Must File, and Who Gets a Pass

### ARTICLE

*February 20, 2026*

Clearing US Legal Hurdles To Biz Opportunities In Venezuela

### CLIENT ALERT

*January 27, 2026*

Venezuela Business Risks and Regulations

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## Events

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

*January 27, 2026*

Elizabeth Morgan was a featured speaker at the 2026 Securities Regulation Institute

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*January 28, 2025*

Elizabeth Morgan to Speak at 2025 Securities Regulation

Institute

### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT**

*December 6, 2024*

Elizabeth Morgan to Speak at the Fall Conference for the Southeastern Chapter of the Society for Corporate Governance

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News

### **IN THE NEWS**

*February 9, 2026*

First-chair trial lawyer and former federal prosecutor Tinos Diamantatos joins the firm as a partner in its Business Litigation practice group in Chicago

### **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **IN THE NEWS**

*August 22, 2025*

Jennifer Neilsson and Justin King discuss President Trump directing the U.S. Department of Labor and the SEC to review regulations and guidance to help retirement savers access investment products

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