

Public Companies

Public Companies face unique challenges when navigating complex transactions, high-stakes disputes, and other strategic and business-related matters -- from disclosure obligations and governance requirements to scrutiny from regulators, institutional investors, stock exchanges and the media. King & Spalding's Public Companies team brings together resources across our firm to guide public companies and their boards of directors, executive management and legal departments on the matters that drive their business strategies forward.

Our core team advises public company clients on matters involving:

- Mergers & acquisitions
- Capital markets and corporate finance
- Corporate governance, disclosure, and stakeholder engagement, including Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG)
- SEC and stock exchange reporting obligations and disclosure issues
- Activism and takeover defense
- Proxy access
- Special Purpose Acquisition Companies (SPACs)

Our public company clients also benefit from our integration with our teams in other areas critical to their transactions and disputes:

- Antitrust
- Employee benefits and executive compensation
- Crisis Management
- Data, Privacy and Security
- Environmental matters
- Global Human Capital & Compliance
- Labor
- Intellectual Property
- Securities Enforcement and Regulation

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- Securities Litigation

Cases & Deals

April 4, 2022

Riverview Acquisition Corp. to Merge with Westrock Coffee in de-SPAC Transaction

March 28, 2022

Schweitzer-Mauduit International to Combine with Neenah

February 16, 2022

Preferred Apartment Communities, Inc. (NYSE: APTS) to be acquired by Blackstone Real Estate Income Trust in an all-cash transaction valued at approximately \$5.8 billion

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Insights

ARTICLE

May 20, 2021

Welcome to The Insider

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

March 11, 2021

2021 Form 10-K, Proxy Season and Offering Preparedness Toolkit

CLIENT ALERT

December 11, 2020

BlackRock's 2021 Policy Guidance

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Events

WEBINAR

June 29, 2022

Food & Beverage: 2022 Mid-Year Transactional Review with King & Spalding and Goldman Sachs

WEBINAR

Trends in Investor Communications Key Proxy Statement Disclosure Trends

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

September 26, 2019

Richard Fields, Cal Smith to Speak at National Investor Relations Institute's Charlotte Chapter Conference

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News

IN THE NEWS

June 30, 2022

Amanda Sonneborn and Darren Gardner discuss the transforming state of diversity and disclosure at public

companies and how investors can account for these changes

IN THE NEWS

June 7, 2022

Michael Smith, Benjamin Lee, Cheri Grosvenor, Brandon Keel, Lisa Bugni and Timothy Lee represent Acuity Brands in a class action settlement

IN THE NEWS

June 5, 2022

Rahul Patel, John Hyman and Zack Peffer counsel UPS on its joint-venture with InterGlobe Enterprises

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