

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
- Securities Litigation

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Cases & Deals

French Sidetrade SA to Acquire German SHS Viveon AG

December 1, 2025

King & Spalding advises Eagle Corporation in the \$675 million sale of Concrete Pipe & Precast, LLC

November 24, 2025

King & Spalding advises Smith Ventures on its \$690 million acquisition of Green Dot Corporation (NYSE: DOT)

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Insights

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October 15, 2025

FinCEN Relaxes Suspicious Activity Reporting Requirements Via Four New FAQs

ARTICLE

October 9, 2025

The evolving landscape of shareholder activism

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August 8, 2025

Fed Follows Earlier OCC, FDIC, and NCUA Orders Allowing Banks to Collect TIN Information from Third Parties

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Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

January 28, 2025

Elizabeth Morgan to Speak at 2025 Securities Regulation Institute

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

January 22, 2024

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

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

October 25, 2023

Rod Rosenstein, Sally Yates to Speak at Retail Industry Leaders Association's Retail Law Conference

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December 1, 2025

King & Spalding Earns Multiple Practice and Individual Rankings in 2025 IFLR1000 Guide

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December 1, 2025

Cal Smith, John Anderson and Jacob Weber advise
PROG Holdings on its \$420M acquisition of Purchasing
Power

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November 24, 2025

Cal Smith, John Anderson, Jarrod Hall, Todd Holleman,
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