



Eva Davis NACD.DC™

A nationally recognized dealmaker, Eva is a seasoned business leader who has advised and led public and private companies through transformative business transactions, ranging in deal value from tens of millions of dollars to over \$5.0 billion.

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SKILLS

M&A

CAPITAL MARKETS

Including IPOs

COMPENSATION MATTERS

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

CRISIS MANAGEMENT

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

INTERNAT'L EXPANSION

SHAREHOLDER ACTIVISM STRATEGY

INDUSTRY DEPTH

CONSUMER

Brands, retail, CPG; food, beverage, pet, personal care

TECHNOLOGY

Software, semiconductor, AI (developing)

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL 1990
J.D., *cum laude*

DUKE UNIVERSITY 1987
B.A., *summa cum laude*

Phi Beta Kappa, Economics and Political Science Double Major

Business Judgment; Skills. With over three decades of experience, boards of directors, management teams and private equity funds rely on Eva to address their most critical and complex business issues and projects. Eva has advised boards of directors at public and private companies across a range of industries and issues, including M&A, capital markets transactions, shareholder activist matters, corporate governance best practices, compensation matters, internal investigations, international expansion and strategy.

Boardroom Experience. Eva has spent considerable time in the board room as an advisor. She is knowledgeable in board governance and process, as well as sensitive to the unique relationship between the board and management. Eva is known for her ability to think strategically, quickly identify key issues, diplomatically ask thought-provoking questions and work collaboratively with others to provide solutions to a company's biggest challenges.

Transactional Experience; International Expansion. Through her experience representing private equity funds, Eva is skilled at addressing the complex issues that face serial acquirors and serial sellers across the globe, including matters relating to business integration, divisional carve-outs, transition services, and the minimization of unexpected liabilities. Through her transactional experience that has expanded domestic business operations of her clients into the European Union, United Kingdom, Chile, China, Columbia, Iceland, India, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Peru, Singapore, and Uruguay, Eva is adept at bridging domestic and foreign regulatory issues and cultural differences in order to maximize deal and shareholder value. Eva has significant "in country" experience in Europe and regularly transacts business in London and Paris on firm and client matters.

Financial Matters; Risk Mitigation. Eva is comfortable and facile with financial statements, projections, valuation methodologies, bank financing agreements and audit committee responsibilities. Known for her sound business judgment and strong interpersonal and problem-solving skills, Eva excels at creating trust by cultivating long-term relationships while mitigating business and legal risk. She is adept at managing crises with integrity – ranging from corporate compliance infractions to reputational and operational risks – with the goal of maximizing shareholder value.

C-Suite Executive; Board Member. The breadth and depth of Eva's experience also come from having served in various leadership positions at three of some of the largest law firms in the world. Eva currently serves on the Global Executive Committee (or board of directors) of the international law firm of Winston & Strawn with annual revenues in excess of \$1.0 billion and is one of only three Managing Partners supporting the Chairman in the management, growth and strategic leadership of the firm. She has also served on the firm's Compensation Committee for almost 10 years.

Eva served as Chair of the board of directors of Read to a Child Los Angeles for 20 years and has served on the boards of several other non-profits.



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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

WINSTON & STRAWN (TOP 50 LAW FIRM IN WORLDWIDE REVENUES) 2014–PRESENT
BRUSSELS, CHARLOTTE, CHICAGO, DALLAS, HOUSTON, LOS ANGELES, LONDON, MIAMI, NEW YORK, PARIS, SHANGHAI, SAN FRANCISCO, SAO PAULO, SILICON VALLEY & WASHINGTON D.C.

- **Managing Partner, Member of Chair Group within the Global Executive Committee (2024 - present).** One of only 3 Managing Partners supporting the Chairman in the management, growth and strategic leadership of an international law firm with 1,000 lawyers across 15 offices worldwide and annual revenues in excess of \$1.0 billion. Primary focus on growth, strategy, external operations, talent acquisition, and client engagement, retention and expansion.
- **Member, Global Executive Committee (2018–present).** Member of the firm’s board of directors.
- **Chair, Global Transactions Department (2021–2024).** Responsible for leading strategy, global expansion, client engagement and P&L for more than half the firm (500+ lawyers, 100+ administrative staff and annual department revenues in excess of \$500 million). During her leadership and a period of rising interest rates and decreased deal volumes in the US and globally, department revenues grew by more than 10% annually.
- **Member, Compensation Committee (2015–present).**

Corporate Counseling and Board Advice; SEC, NYSE and NASDAQ Regulatory Advice

- Advise companies, their boards of directors and special committees in connection with shareholder activist matters, capital markets transactions, public mergers, take-private transactions, joint ventures, strategic alternatives and internal investigations.
- Advise public companies and their boards of directors, audit committees, compensation committees, nominating and corporate governance committees and special committees on corporate governance matters, SEC regulations and NYSE and NASDAQ compliance matters.

Initial Public Offerings and Other Public Offerings

- Advise issuers in connection with IPOs with over \$1.0 billion of aggregate proceeds.
- Advise major stockholders in connection with secondary common stock offerings with over \$1.0 billion of aggregate proceeds.

Other Public and Private Capital Markets Transactions

- Advise U.S. and foreign issuers in connection with universal shelf registration statements (equity and debt (convertible, investment grade and high yield)) providing in excess of \$1.0 billion of aggregate proceeds.
- Advise private and public companies in connection with secured and unsecured, senior and subordinated financings ranging from several million to several hundred million dollars.

Mergers & Acquisitions

- Advise global companies and private equity funds in connection with public and private acquisitions and dispositions around the globe, involving both stock and cash consideration and ranging from tens of million dollars to over \$5.0 billion in transaction value.

KIRKLAND & ELLIS (#1 LAW FIRM IN WORLDWIDE REVENUES) LOS ANGELES 1999–2014

- Founding partner of Los Angeles Corporate Practice Group. Under her leadership, LA practice group grew from one attorney to over 20 and revenues from \$0 to over \$50 million.

LATHAM & WATKINS (#2 LAW FIRM IN WORLDWIDE REVENUES) LOS ANGELES 1989–1999

- Corporate Partner (1998–1999) · Corporate Associate (1990–1998) · Summer Associate (1989).



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INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Significant “in country” experience in Europe. Regularly transact business in London and Paris on firm and client matters.
- Significant cross-border experience in connection with the expansion of client operations in the European Union, United Kingdom, Chile, China, Columbia, Iceland, India, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Peru, Singapore, and Uruguay.
- Lived in London for a year as a student at London School of Economics (1986).

MEMBERSHIPS – BOARD RELATED

- National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) Member (2023–present).
- NACD Directorship Certification® (NACD.DC™) (2024).
- Extraordinary Women on Boards (EWOB) Member (2023–present).
- DirectWomen (2024 cohort).
- Nasdaq Center for Board Excellence Member (2024-present).

RECENT AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

AWARDED TO BUSINESS LEADERS – NOT LIMITED TO LAWYERS

- Finalist for “50 Women to Watch for Boards” by 50/50 Women on Boards (2024).
- Recognized as a “Top Woman in Dealmaking” by *The Deal* (2021–2023).
- Named a “Visionary” by *Banking & Finance Magazine* of the *Los Angeles Times* (2021).
- Recognized as a “California Trailblazer” by *The Recorder* (2020).
- Recognized as one of the “Most Influential Women in Mid-Market M&A” by *Mergers & Acquisitions* (2019 and 2020).

ADDITIONAL DEALMAKING AWARDS

- Ranked by *Chambers USA* in the Corporate/M&A/Private Equity category (2014–2022) and in the Private Equity: Buyouts category (2023-2024).
- Recognized by *Lawdragon* as one of the 500 Leading Dealmakers in America (2024).
- Recognized in *Legal 500* for M&A/Private Equity (2014–2024).
- Recognized by *Business Today* as a “Top 10 Influential Lawyer Dominating California’s M&A Scene” (2023).
- Recognized as the “Leading Private Equity and Strategic M&A Transactions Lawyer of the Year in California” by *Acquisition International* (2019).



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COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Read To A Child — Chairwoman of the Board of Directors (Los Angeles) (2004–2023); Advisory Board (2024 – present).
- Institute for Corporate Counsel — Chairwoman of the Board of Directors (2013–2014); Board of Directors (2010–2019); Board of Advisors (2019–present).
- Duke University-Kenan Institute for Ethics — Board of Advisors (2015–2021); Duke University in Southern California — President (1992–1998); Charles A. Duke Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service (1997); LA Executive Leadership Board (1998–2008); Alumni Admissions Advisory Committee (1990–2020).
- Harvard Celebration 60 — C60 Outreach Co-Chairwoman, Harvard Law School Association (2013).
- Women’s Leadership Council Los Angeles — Member (2011–2022).
- Chadwick School — Co-Chairwoman of the Annual Fund (2012–2015).

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Frequent lecturer on market trends, fiduciary duties of board members, corporate governance matters, mergers and acquisitions, capital raising, private equity and other transactional matters and topics relating to the recruitment, retention and promotion of women and others with diverse backgrounds. Speaking engagements include:

- “Top Agenda Items for the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee,” NACD Pacific Southwest Chapter (May 2024).
- “2024 Economic and Political Outlook for M&A,” Association of Corporate Growth Los Angeles (January 2024).
- “Women in Venture Capital: Founding, Funding and Strategies for Investment,” Association of Corporate Growth Los Angeles (July 2023).
- “M&A Dealmaking: State of the Market,” Association of Corporate Growth 101 Corridor (June 2023).
- “What Every Board Member and GC Should Know About M&A,” Association of Corporate Counsel (January 2022)
- “Nine Key Differences When Doing Deals in Europe,” Winston & Strawn Roundtable (November 2019).

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