



Eva Davis NACD.DC™

A nationally recognized dealmaker, Eva is a seasoned business leader who has advised and led public and private companies and their boards in building and executing on their growth strategies. In that role, she has led companies through hundreds of transformative business transactions, ranging in deal value from tens of millions of dollars to over \$5.0 billion.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (WITH VALUE-ADD TO BOARDS)

WINSTON & STRAWN

2014–PRESENT

(TOP 50 LAW FIRM IN WORLDWIDE REVENUES)

BRUSSELS, CHARLOTTE, CHICAGO, DALLAS, HOUSTON, LA, LONDON, MIAMI, NY, PARIS, SHANGHAI, SF, 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 lead for all external initiatives related to growth, strategy, talent acquisition, small law firm acquisitions, and client engagement, retention and expansion.
- Strong collaborator and consensus builder. Positive and empowering leader with talent for aligning people, offices and practice groups with global firm strategy.
- **Member, Global Executive Committee (Board of Directors) (2018–present).**
- **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, 200+ administrative staff and annual department revenues in excess of \$500 million).
- Growth driver; Achieved operations success by driving collaboration across offices and practice groups to achieve strategic business objectives, generating market expansion and revenue growth of more than 10% annually.
- **Member, Compensation Committee (2015–present).**

Board and Committee Advice (M&A, Strategic Matters, Compensation, Governance and SEC, NYSE and NASDAQ Regulatory)

- Significant experience leading public and private M&A and capital markets deals, take-private transactions, joint ventures and responses to shareholder activism.
- In the boardroom experience with full board and audit, compensation, nom/gov and special committees advising on risk, compensation, governance, strategic alternatives, internal investigations, crisis management and SEC, NYSE and NASDAQ regulatory matters.

Initial Public Offerings and Other Public and Private Capital Markets Transactions

- Led numerous IPOs and other primary and secondary offerings with over \$1.0 billion of aggregate proceeds.
- Led U.S. and foreign issuers in SEC registered equity and debt financings (convertible, investment grade and high yield)) providing in excess of \$1.0 billion of aggregate proceeds.
- Led private and public companies in secured and unsecured, senior and subordinated debt financings of over \$1.0 billion in aggregate proceeds.

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SKILLS

M&A

CAPITAL MARKETS

Including IPOs

COMPENSATION MATTERS

CRISIS MANAGEMENT

GOVERNANCE

GLOBAL EXPANSION

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

SHAREHOLDER ACTIVISM

READY TO SERVE

AUDIT/RISK C'EE

COMPENSATION C'EE

NOM/GOV C'EE

FINANCE/M&A C'EE

INDUSTRY DEPTH

CONSUMER

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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



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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (CONT.)

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

- Founding partner of Los Angeles Corporate Practice Group. Under Eva's 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).

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).
- 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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NOT-FOR-PROFIT BOARD EXPERIENCE

- 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).

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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