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Jennifer focuses her practice on a broad range of corporate matters including capital markets, mergers and acquisitions, SEC compliance, and general corporate governance.

Jennifer represents clients in a variety of industries on initial public offerings and other private and public equity offerings, high yield and investment-grade debt offerings, spin-offs and take-private transactions. Jennifer also advises clients on mergers and acquisitions, particularly transactions involving public companies, including SPACs. She regularly counsels companies on SEC compliance matters, corporate governance and other securities laws and compliance issues.

## Key Matters

*Some of the experience represented below may have been handled at a previous firm.*

- Represented Benson Hill, Inc., a NYSE listed food technology company, in connection with its business combination with Star Peak Corp II, a SPAC.

- Represented NexPoint Real Estate Finance, Inc., a NYSE-listed real estate investment trust, in connection with multiple public offerings of its 5.75% Senior Notes due 2026 totaling \$170 million in which Raymond James & Associates, Inc. served as sole book-running manager.
- Represented NexPoint Real Estate Finance, Inc., a NYSE-listed real estate investment trust, in connection with public offering of 2 million shares of its common stock.
- Represented Ranger Energy Services, Inc., a NYSE-listed independent provider of well service rigs and associated services, in connection with a private placement of \$42 million Series A Preferred Stock to fund the acquisition of Basic Energy Services, Inc. assets sold as part of Basic's bankruptcy process.
- Represented NexPoint Real Estate Finance, Inc., a NYSE-listed real estate investment trust, in connection with its "at-the-market" equity offering program pursuant to which it may sell shares of its common stock and Series A preferred stock having an aggregate sales price of up to \$100 million.
- Represented NexPoint Advisors L.P. in connection with its partnership with HomeSource Operations LLC in the formation of a new real estate investment trust targeting single-family rental and build-to-rent homes.
- Represented a publicly traded telecommunications provider in connection with \$6.7 billion take-private sale to a publicly traded owner and operator of communications businesses.
- Represented a publicly traded security technology provider in connection with \$275 million acquisition of cloud cybersecurity firm and related private placement of preferred stock totaling \$100 million.
- Represented publicly traded distributed commerce network provider in connection with \$1.1 billion take-private sale to private equity firms.
- Represented publicly traded leading vehicle manufacturer in connection with strategic development arrangements supporting innovation in hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles and related fueling infrastructure.
- Represented publicly traded owner and operator of communications businesses in connection with multiple exchangeable senior debentures offerings totaling \$1.3 billion.
- Represented publicly traded telecommunications provider in connection with the sale of \$1 billion stake in publicly traded online lending marketplace provider.
- Represented publicly traded developer and operator of clean energy in connection with \$600 million Rule 144A senior notes offering, \$100 million secondary equity offering, tender offer and consent solicitation.
- Represented publicly traded free-to-air television network and shopping channel in connection with multiple Rule 144A senior notes offerings totaling \$1 billion.
- Represented publicly traded offshore drilling contractor in connection with multiple Rule 144A senior notes offerings totaling \$1.9 billion.
- Represented underwriters in connection with \$330 million initial public offering of manufacturer of pipe and precast products.

## Recent Experience

Representing Chuy's Holdings in its US\$605M Sale to Darden Restaurants

Granite Construction Incorporated Closes \$373.75M Offering of Convertible Senior Notes

American States Water Co. \$200M At-The-Market Offering

NexPoint Storage Partners Completes \$5.3M Exchange of Series E Preferred Stock for Series F Preferred Stock

NexPoint Storage Partners Closes \$71.7 Million Private Offering of 8.50% Series F Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock

NexPoint Real Estate Finance Closes \$15M Follow-On Offering of 5.75% Senior Unsecured Notes Due 2026

NexPoint Real Estate Finance, Inc. Launches US\$400M Continuous Offering of 9.0% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock

VineBrook Homes Trust Closes Internalization of Manager

VineBrook Homes Trust Closes \$63.7 Million Private Offering of 9.50% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock

Farmer Bros.'s Sale of Its Direct Ship Business to Treehouse Foods

## Recognitions

- Recognized by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Securities / Capital Markets Law, 2024–2025
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## Activities

- Dallas Bar Association
  - Dallas Hispanic Bar Association
  - Dallas Women Lawyers Association
  - Dallas Association of Young Lawyers
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## Credentials

### EDUCATION

Jennifer received her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Notre Dame Law School, where she was a member of the *Notre Dame Law Review*. She received her B.A., *magna cum laude with honors*, from Texas Tech University.

### ADMISSIONS

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