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A nationally recognized dealmaker, Eva serves as a strategic advisor to some of the most active private equity funds in the country. Clients turn to Eva for her business acumen, commercial advice, and sophisticated knowledge of the latest innovations and current market practices and trends. With over 30 years of experience, Eva has successfully negotiated on behalf of U.S. and global public and private companies, boards of directors, and private equity funds involving their most significant transactional matters. Eva is Winston's Managing Partner for External Affairs and is a member of the firm's Executive Committee.

Eva is one of three Managing Partners supporting the Chairman in the leadership and management of the Firm. In this role, Eva's primary area of focus is growth—with an emphasis on relentless service to our clients, business development initiatives, and lateral partner hiring.

Eva concentrates on U.S. and cross-border complex business transactions with a particular focus on mergers and acquisitions and private equity. As an advisor to strategic and private equity funds and their portfolio companies, she has counseled domestic and international clients in public and private M&A transactions, public and private debt and equity financing transactions, including initial public offerings, and distressed sales and investments in and out of

bankruptcy. Eva has also represented public companies and their boards of directors and special committees in connection with enterprise-transformative business opportunities and legal challenges, as well as providing corporate governance advice.

Eva has led public and private companies through hundreds of complex business transactions, ranging in deal value from tens of million dollars to over \$5.0 billion. Eva has negotiated and completed transactions in a wide variety of industries, including aerospace, automotive, business and financial services, consumer products, industrials and manufacturing, medical devices, pharmaceutical, retail, semiconductor, software, technology and telecommunications.

Eva was previously Chair of the Firm's Global Transactions Department and Co-Chair of the Firm's Global Private Equity Practice. She also currently serves as a member of the Firm's Compensation Committee.

## Key Matters

### REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- VMG Partners, a private equity fund investing exclusively in branded consumer companies, in connection with the following:
  - Sale of Ghost Lifestyle LLC and Ghost Beverages LLC, disruptive lifestyle sports nutrition businesses anchored by a leading ready-to-drink energy brand GHOST® Energy, to Keurig Dr Pepper (NASDAQ: KDP)
  - Investment in The Honey Pot Company, a leading “better-for-you” plant-derived feminine care brand, and its subsequent US\$380M sale to Compass Diversified (NYSE: CODI)
  - Investment in Quest Nutrition, making the foods you crave work for you, and not against you, and its subsequent US\$1B sale to Atkins Nutritionals, Inc., a portfolio company of The Simply Good Foods Company (NASDAQ: SMPL)
  - Sale of Lily's Sweets, the high-growth maker of low-sugar, better-for-you confectionery products, to The Hershey Company (NYSE: HSY)
  - Sale of Sun Bum Holdings, a developer of “clean” sun protection, hair care, lip care, and baby care products to S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc., a multinational privately held manufacturer of household cleaning products and skin care products
  - Investment in ILEGAL Mezcal, a leading super premium artisanal mezcal, and later sale of its investment to Bacardi Limited, the largest privately held international spirits company in the world
  - Investment in [solidcore], a nationwide boutique fitness company that provides pilates-based resistance training
  - Investment in The Daily Harvest, providing perfectly portioned plant-based foods that don't compromise on health or convenience to customers nationwide
  - Investment in The Pill Club, the first and leading online birth control prescription and delivery service in the United States
  - Investment in Stone Brewing, one of the largest craft brewers in the United States
  - Investment in Undefeated Tribe, a Crunch Fitness Franchisee with locations in Texas and Oklahoma
  - Investment in Redbud Brands, an innovative venture platform for launching impactful consumer brands
  - Sale of Sequel Naturals, developer and distributor of the Vega® brand nutrient rich plant-based protein powders and nutrition shakes to The WhiteWave Foods Company, a leading consumer packaged food and beverage company whose products include Silk® and So Delicious® plant-based foods and beverages

- Acquisition of Snack Factory, LLC, a company that develops and distributes Pretzel Crisp® brand pretzel crackers, and subsequent sale to Snyder's-Lance, Inc. and S-L Snacks National, LLC
- Acquisition of Waggin' Train LLC, a company that develops and distributes all-natural pet food treats, and subsequent sale to Nestlé Purina PetCare Company
- Acquisition of Speculative Product Design, LLC, maker of the speck (\*) brand protective cases for portable electronic devices such as the iPhone, iPad, and MacBook, and subsequent sale to Samsonite LLC
- Acquisition of Solid Gold Pet, a producer of America's first natural dog food and a pioneer of natural, holistic animal nutrition
- Century Park Capital Partners, a private equity fund investing in industrials, chemicals, consumer products, medical products, and business services, in connection with the following leveraged buyouts:
  - Acquisition and subsequent sale of The Mochi Ice Cream Company, maker of My/Mo Mochi Ice Cream® brand and the largest branded manufacturer of mochi ice cream in North America (PE Hub's Small Cap Deal of the Year for 2020)
  - Acquisition of CJ Pony Parts, LLC, the market leader in the Classic Mustang e-commerce space
  - Acquisition and subsequent sale of Accelalpha Inc., a business and IT consulting firm providing services across a breadth of industries including retail, technology, automotive, and aerospace and defense
  - Add-on acquisition of Prolog Partners, LLC, an experienced supply chain and logistics IT consulting services firm
  - Acquisition of MCCi, LLC, a leading software and IT services firm focused on enterprise content management and business process automation
  - Acquisition and subsequent sale of Covercraft Industries, a market innovator in the field of custom-fitted automotive covers for cars, trucks, boats, and other vehicles
  - ICM Products, Inc., a leader in the silicone chemicals market, in its acquisition of Amber Chemical Company Ltd., a leading global solutions provider for high-performance silicone emulsion and elastomer applications, and in the later sale of ICM to CHT Group, a leading European specialty chemicals company
- Diversis Capital, a private equity fund primarily investing in software and technology-enabled organizations, in connection with the following:
  - Acquisition of the remaining minority interest in Tempo Software, Inc., a leading provider of portfolio management solutions for product development organizations, from Iceland-based Origo (awarded "Technology Deal of the Year" by The M&A Advisor)
  - Add-on acquisition by Tempo Software Inc. of Alpha Serve, a pioneer in enterprise-grade data connectivity
  - Add-on acquisition by Tempo Software Inc. of Amovos, SRO, a Slovakian-based technology company that operates the Old Street Solutions brand, an Atlassian marketplace partner that offers Custom Charts for Jira and Confluence apps
  - Add-on acquisition by Tempo Software, Inc. of LiquidPlanner, Inc., a project management platform with a predictive scheduling engine to help teams plan, track, manage, and adapt their projects in real-time
  - Add-on acquisition by PureCars Technologies, LLC (a portfolio company of Diversis Capital and a leading provider of digital marketing technology and services for automotive dealers) of The AutoMiner, LLC, a leading provider of data mining and software integration for car dealers
  - Add-on acquisition by PureCars Technologies, LLC of AutoSigma, a leading digital asset management platform
  - Add-on acquisition by Tempo Software, Inc. of ALM Works, a developer of the structure for Jira software suite that enables project and program managers to make better decisions, work more efficiently, and deliver predictable results

- Add-on acquisition by Tempo Software, Inc. of Roadmunk, a provider of end-to-end roadmapping solution for building and communicating product strategy
- Acquisition of Black Box Intelligence LLC, the specialist in data and actionable insights for the restaurant industry
- Add-on acquisition by FORM.com (a portfolio company of Diversis Capital and a global leader in mobile data collection), of GoSpotCheck, the leading provider of mobile task management and image recognition software
- Acquisition of WorldAPP, the leading provider of enterprise-grade mobile workflow and data capture technology
- Acquisition of PureCars Automotive, LLC, a performance-driven company founded on providing automotive dealers with best-in-class technology and services that increase revenue and drive measurable growth
- Acquisition of a controlling stake in Tempo, the leader in team time management and productivity-enhancing solutions
- Industrial Growth Partners, a private equity fund investing exclusively in the manufacturing sector, in connection with the following leveraged buyouts and/or dispositions of portfolio companies:
  - Acquisition and subsequent sale of Controls Southeast, Inc.
  - Acquisition of Climax Portable Machine Tools, Inc.
  - Acquisition of Cambridge Group Holdings Corp. and Cambridge International Inc.
  - Acquisition and subsequent sale of AmerCable Holding Company, LLC and its subsidiaries
  - Sale of Airpax Holding Company, LLC and its subsidiaries
  - Acquisition and subsequent sale of Jonathan Engineering and its subsidiaries
  - Acquisition and subsequent sale of Weasler Engineering, Inc. and its subsidiaries
  - Acquisition and subsequent sale of Associated Chemists, Inc.
- Charger Investment Partners, a private equity fund investing in the industrial, services, and consumer industries, in connection with the following buyouts:
  - Acquisition of Beans & Brews Coffeehouse, a leading operator and franchisor of coffeehouses in Utah, Idaho, and Nevada and a wholesaler of specialty roasted coffee beans
  - Acquisition of Advanced Composite Products and Technology, Inc., a market leading manufacturer of highly engineered composite structures for defense, space, aviation, automotive, marine, industrial machinery and subsea telecom applications
- Windjammer Capital Investors, a private equity fund, in connection with the following leveraged buyouts:
  - Add-on acquisition by Mission Critical Electronics LLC (a portfolio company of Windjammer Capital Investors and a leading designer and manufacturer of premium electrical power solutions for the network and industrial market, marine, and specialty vehicles) of DuraComm Corporation's power products and systems division
  - Add-on acquisition by Hilco Vision (a portfolio company of Windjammer Capital Investors and an industry leading global vision care company) of Bruder Healthcare, a leading provider of patented therapeutic and ophthalmic products to medical professionals and consumers
  - Add-on acquisition by Hilco Vision of M&S Technologies, an Illinois-based leader in digital vision testing systems through its M&S Smart System® platform relied on by eye care professionals across the industry
  - Add-on acquisition by Mission Critical Electronics LLC of Xantrex, the global leader in development, manufacturing, and marketing of advanced power electronic products and systems for the mobile power markets
- Pacific Avenue Capital Partners, a private investment firm focused on corporate divestitures and other special situations, in connection with the following leveraged buyouts:

- Add-on acquisition by portfolio company Emerald Textiles, the largest provider of outsourced linen management services and specialty products to hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare facilities in the Western United States, of the West Coast assets of Angelica Corporation, a national healthcare linen services provider
- Acquisition of the industrials business of Gibraltar Industries (NASDAQ:ROCK)
- Acquisition of Guardian Building Products (now known as Cameron Ashley), one of the largest specialty building product distributors in North America
- Percheron Capital, a private equity firm that invests in market-leading services businesses, in connection with the acquisition of Caliber Car Wash, a leading express conveyor car wash platform
- Shamrock Capital, a private equity fund exclusively investing in the media, entertainment, and communications sectors, in connection with the acquisition of Adweek, the leading media and events company serving the brand marketing community
- Highland Avenue Capital Partners, a private investment firm, in connection with its acquisition of Valudor Products, the leading asset-light distributor, forwarder, and blender of specialty chemicals used in fertilizers, animal nutrition & wellness, water treatment, and industrials across North America
- Ducommun Incorporated (NYSE: DCO), delivering innovative manufacturing solutions to customers in the aerospace, defense, and industrial markets, in connection with:
  - Acquisition of BLR Aerospace, L.L.C., a leading provider of aerodynamic systems that enhance the productivity, performance, and safety of rotary- and fixed-wing aircraft on commercial and military platforms
  - Acquisition of MagSeal, a leading provider of high-impact, military-proven magnetic seals for critical systems in aerospace and defense applications
  - US\$77M acquisition of Nobles Worldwide Inc., the largest supplier of ammunition feed systems to all branches of the U.S. military and its allies
  - Acquisition of Certified Thermoplastics Co., LLC, a leader in precision profile extrusions and extruded assemblies of engineered thermoplastic resins, compounds and alloys for commercial aerospace, defense, medical, and industrial applications
  - US\$60M acquisition of LS Holdings Company, LLC and Lightning Diversion Systems, a world leader in lightning protection systems
- Real Food from the Ground Up, providing delicious and crave-worthy snacks with a plant-based twist, in connection with its acquisition of FoodShouldTasteGood, Inc., a producer of tortilla chips, from General Mills
- Delicato Family Wines, one of the fastest growing wine companies in the world with a century of history crafting superior quality wines, in its partnership with Francis Ford Coppola Winery, a long-time leader in the wine industry
- Synaptics Incorporated (NASDAQ: SYNA), the leading developer of human interface solutions, in connection with:
  - US\$340M acquisition of Conexant Systems, LLC, a technology leader in voice and audio processing solutions for the smart home
  - US\$95M acquisition of the Multimedia Solutions Business of Marvell Technology Group (NASDAQ: MRVL), a leading provider of advanced processing technology for video and audio applications, also for the smart home
- Flex Ltd. (NASDAQ: FLEX) and Flextronics International USA, Inc., providers of design, manufacturing, and services across the globe for a broad range of electronics products, in connection with the following:
  - Acquisition of AGM Automotive, a leading global supplier of automotive interior components and systems, including overhead console systems, interior lighting, electronic components, and textile flooring solutions
  - Acquisition of Saturn Electronics & Engineering, Inc., a supplier, manufacturer and developer of electronic components and subsystems to the world's leading automotive manufacturers and Tier 1 suppliers
  - Acquisition of Stellar Microelectronics, Inc., a supplier, manufacturer and developer of advanced custom packaging solutions for microelectronic technologies for the aerospace, defense and medical manufacturing

industries (finalist for 2012 Deal of the Year for Technology, Media & Telecom by The M&A Advisor)

- Guess?, Inc. (NYSE: GES) and its affiliates in connection with:
  - Entry into a joint venture in the Russian Federation to pursue the acquisition and/or opening of Guess? stores in Russia
  - Guess? Europe, B.V.'s investment in Focus Europe S.r.l., the largest Italian licensee and distributor of the "GUESS? by Marciano" brand
  - Investment in Guess? Fisher LLC, a US footwear joint venture, and Grupo Guess?, a Mexican clothing retailer
- Simple Mills, provider of more than 30 clean-label baking mixes, crackers, cookies, bars and frostings that are free of gluten, grains, soy and genetically modified ingredients, in connection with Vestar Capital Partners' minority investment in the company
- Foundation Building Materials (NYSE: FBM), a specialty distributor of wallboard, suspended ceiling systems and mechanical insulation at over 220 branches throughout North America, in connection with the US\$122M sale of its mechanical insulation business to Dunes Point Capital, LP
- Represented holders of 50% of Pope MGP, Inc. (managing general partner) and Pope EGP, Inc. (equity general partner) in connection with the sale of their controlling interests in Pope Resources, A Delaware Limited partnership, holding timberland resources in the Pacific Northwest, to Rayonier Inc. as part of an overall take-private transaction valued at US\$554M
- Nanometrics Incorporated (NASDAQ: NANO), a leading provider of advanced process control systems, in connection with its acquisition of 4D Technology Corporation, a leading supplier of high-performance interferometric measurement and inspection systems
- TSG Consumer Partners, a private equity fund investing exclusively in branded consumer companies, in connection with the following leveraged buyouts and/or disposition of portfolio companies:
  - Acquisition and subsequent sale of Don Miguel Mexican Foods, Inc. to MegaMex Foods LLC, a Hormel Foods Corp. joint venture
  - Acquisition and subsequent sale of Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut Holding Corp. to Hershey Foods (awarded 2004 Turnaround Deal of the Year by The M&A Advisor)
- Oaktree Capital Management, a private equity fund, in connection with the following:
  - Control investment by the GFI Energy Group of Oaktree in GT Solar International (now known as GT Advanced Technologies), a diversified technology company with innovative crystal growth equipment and solutions for the global solar, LED and electronics industries
  - Minority investment in Liberman Broadcasting, Inc., one of the largest owners and operators of Spanish language radio and television stations in the United States
  - Debt and equity recapitalization of Grakon Holdings LLC, a provider of advanced lighting systems for premier OEM vehicle manufacturers
- STATS ChipPAC Ltd. in connection with the unsolicited tender offer by its largest shareholder Singapore Semiconductors Technologies Pte Ltd, an affiliate of the Singapore government, to purchase the remaining 64% stake in the company and all outstanding convertible notes for approximately US\$2.85B (awarded 2007 Singapore M&A Deal of the Year and 2007 Singapore Deal of the Year by ALB Southeast Asia Law Awards)
- ChipPAC, Inc., a public company in the semiconductor packaging and assembly business, in connection with its merger with ST Assembly Test Ltd, a semiconductor test company, having a transaction value of US\$1.6B
- Bain Capital and Citicorp Venture Capital, private equity funds, in connection with their leveraged buyout of ChipPAC, Inc. for a total transaction value of approximately US\$800M
- Navegar, a Philippines-based private equity fund, in connection with its strategic investment in TaskUs, the world's leading customer support outsourcing company for rapidly growing startups

- Stearn's Products, Inc. (dba Derma E), a leading natural, eco-ethical skincare brand with a mission to deliver high quality, affordable and natural skin care products to consumers, and its founders in the sale of the company to Topix Pharmaceuticals, a portfolio company of New Mountain Capital
- Line 6, Inc., Sutter Hill Ventures and Redpoint Ventures in connection with the sale of Line 6, a leader in the design, development, and manufacture of digital musical instruments and amplifiers, to Yamaha Corporation
- Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in the US\$200M "take private" of Allos Therapeutics, Inc., including the issuance of a contingent value right as tender offer consideration
- Karlin Technology, Inc. and Gary K. Michelson, M.D. in connection with the sale of their spine-related U.S. and foreign patent portfolio and related contracts and rights to Medtronic, Inc., one of the world's largest medical device manufacturers, for cash proceeds of US\$1.35B
- The Fleming Companies, Inc., a national wholesaler of groceries, in connection with a "bankruptcy section 363 asset sale" of its core assets to C&S Acquisition LLC for approximately US\$300M TO US\$400M
- Therma-Wave Inc., a Bain Capital portfolio company and publicly traded semiconductor metrology business, in connection with the add-on acquisition of Sensys Instruments Corporation
- Council Tree Communications, a private equity investment firm investing in the communications and energy sectors, in connection with an investment in and roll-up of Telemundo Communications Group, Inc.
- AutoZone, Inc., a Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. portfolio company and publicly traded national auto parts retailer, in connection with the following acquisitions:
  - Acquisition of Chief Auto Parts Inc., a national auto parts retailer, for approximately US\$300M
  - Acquisition of all of the assets of Truckpro Limited Partnership, a regional truck parts retailer
- Barclays Private Equity and its portfolio companies Jostra Bentley Inc., Jostra Bentley Corporation and Jostra AG, medical device manufacturers, in connection with the add-on acquisition of certain assets of Edwards Lifesciences LLC and Edwards Lifesciences Corporation
- Artisan Entertainment Inc., an Audax Group portfolio company in the entertainment and film industry, in connection with the add-on acquisition of The Baby Einstein Company LLC
- Alliance Atlantis Pictures International, Inc., a distributor of motion pictures and other film and video rights in Canada, in connection with the assignment to Columbia Tristar Home Entertainment of certain U.S. distribution and other rights to a film library then-owned by debtors Destination Film Funding Corporation and Destination Film Distribution Company, Inc.

## **PUBLIC OFFERINGS AND OTHER FINANCINGS**

- AutoZone, Inc. US\$150M initial public offering and follow-on offerings of over US\$2B
- ChipPAC, Inc. US\$130M initial public offering and other debt and equity offerings of over US\$500M
- STATS ChipPAC Ltd. US\$215M senior note offering, US\$165M senior subordinated note tender and consent solicitation and US\$150M convertible subordinated note consent solicitation
- GT Solar International, Inc. (now known as GT Advanced Technologies) US\$500M initial public offering and follow-on offerings of over US\$300M
- Film Roman, Inc. US\$30M initial public offering
- Guitar Center, Inc. US\$116M initial public offering and follow-on offerings of almost US\$100M
- Synaptics Incorporated US\$525M convertible note offering
- ThermaWave, Inc. US\$190M initial public offering and follow-on offerings of over US\$100M
- Westport Innovations Inc. universal shelf registration statements totaling over US\$1B with shelf take-downs of common stock totaling US\$360M

## Recent Experience

Winston Represented GHOST in its Sale to Keurig Dr Pepper

Represented The Honey Pot Company Holdings, LLC, a leading better-for-you feminine care brand, in the sale of a controlling stake in the business to Compass Diversified (...)

Mission Critical Electronics LLC, Acquires DuraComm Corp.'s Power Products and Systems Division

Century Park Capital Partners's Sale of Covercraft

Delicato Family Wines Announces Partnership with Francis Ford Coppola Winery

Lily's Confectionery Brand Sale to The Hershey Co.

Black Box Intelligence's Acquisition of MillerPulse, LLC

VMG Partners' Minority Investment [solidcore]

Charger Investment Partners' Acquisition of Beans & Brews Coffeehouse

Charger Investment Partners' Acquisition of Advanced Composite Products and Technology



# Recognitions

Eva has been consistently recognized by local and national publications for her excellence, leadership, and client service. She was listed in the 2016–2025 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the areas of Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, and Mergers and Acquisitions Law. *The Best Lawyers in America*® also recognized her in 2021 and 2025 as the “Lawyer of the Year” in Corporate Law in Los Angeles. She has been ranked by *Chambers USA* in the California Corporate/M&A/Private Equity category from 2014–2022 and the Private Equity: Buyouts category from 2023–2024. Eva was recognized as a “Top Woman in Dealmaking” by *The Deal* from 2021–2023, and as one of the “Most Influential Women” in Mid-Market M&A by *Mergers & Acquisitions* in 2019 and 2020 (where only five of the 42 women dealmakers honored in 2020 are lawyers).

Eva’s clients describe her as “very commercial,” “razor sharp,” “a strong negotiator,” “a savvy dealmaker,” “flexible and easy to work with,” and “terrific in mid-market private equity M&A: very straightforward, very knowledgeable and really gets to the meat of a negotiation process very well.” “She’s a brilliant lawyer, who is highly responsive and highly service oriented. She works to find solutions that are practical.” “She offers astute commercial advice alongside her legal recommendations.”

Eva was recognized as a *Thomson Reuters* “Stand-out Lawyer” in 2024 for her exceptional client service. She was also named to *Lawdragon*’s 500 Leading Dealmakers in America from 2022–2025 and in the *Legal 500 US* as a “Key Lawyer” for M&A/Corporate and Commercial: Private Equity Buyouts from 2023–2024 and for M&A/Corporate and Commercial: M&A Middle Market in 2024. Eva was named by *Business Today* as a “Top 10 Influential Private Equity Lawyer Dominating California’s M&A Scene” in 2023. She was voted by her peers a “Top Lawyer in the Pasadena Area” and appeared in an issue of *Pasadena Magazine* in 2023. She received a “Thought Leadership Award” from *Corporate Counsel’s Women, Influence & Power in Law* in 2022. She was named a “Top 100 Lawyer” by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* in 2022 and 2019, and she received a Community Impact Award from the organization in 2022. She was named a visionary in the 2021 inaugural issue of the *Banking & Finance Magazine* of the *L.A. Times*. *The Recorder* named Eva a “California Trailblazer” in 2020 and a “California Woman Leader in the Law” in 2012. In 2019, Acquisition International recognized Eva as the “Leading Private Equity and Strategic M&A Transactions Lawyer of the Year” in California. She was also named a “Finalist” for the “2015 Woman of Influence” by *L.A. Biz* based on her achievements in the marketplace, as well as her commitment to community and mentoring. In 2014, she received the “Client Choice Award,” which recognizes exceptional client service for M&A in California. Nominations for the “Client Choice Award” can only be made by in-house counsel. In 2013, Eva was recommended by *The Legal 500 US* by *American Lawyer Media*, and by *Martindale-Hubbell* as a “Southern California Top Rated Lawyer,” a “Los Angeles Woman Leader in the Law,” and a “Top Rated Lawyer in Banking & Finance Law.” She was also recognized as a “Southern California Super Lawyer” by *Los Angeles Magazine* and *Southern California Super Lawyers* magazine from 2005–2009 and again from 2017–2020. In 2004, she was selected as one of the “20 under 40” California attorneys to watch by *Daily Journal Extra*.

Eva and her team won the 2016 Women in Law Hackathon for the team’s development of SMART (Solutions to Measure, Advance and Reward Talent), a gender-neutral reporting and evaluation system that promotes the retention and advancement of women by aligning firm values and culture with compensation and promotion. Fifty-four high-level partners from law firms across the U.S. worked together (virtually) in teams of six (each with two expert advisors and a law student) to generate innovative ideas to achieve greater retention and advancement of experienced women and other diverse lawyers.

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# Activities

Eva leads and participates in numerous legal, community, and professional organizations, including:

- National Association of Corporate Directors (2023 - present)
  - Extraordinary Women on Boards (2023 - present)
  - 50 Women to Watch for Board Service by 50/50 Women on Boards (2024)
  - DirectWomen (2024 cohort)
  - Read To A Child — Chairwoman of the Regional Board of Directors (Los Angeles) (2004 – 2023)
  - Women’s Leadership Council — Member (2011 – 2023)
  - Institute for Corporate Counsel — Institute Chairwoman (2013 – 2014); Advisory Board (2019 – present); Board of Governors (2010 – 2018);
  - Duke University — Alumni Admissions Advisory Committee (1990 – 2021); The Kenan Institute for Ethics Advisory Board (2015 – 2021); Los Angeles Executive Leadership Board (1992 – 1995); President, Duke Club of Southern California (1992 – 1998); Co-Founder Duke & Pio Pico Adopt-A-School Partnership (1993 – 1998); Charles A. Duke Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service (1996)
  - Chadwick School — Co-Chairwoman of the Annual Fund (2012 – 2015)
  - Harvard Celebration 60 — C60 Outreach Co-Chairwoman, Harvard Law School Association (2013)
  - Intellectual Property Owners Association — General Counsel (2006 – 2009)
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“ I am a deal fanatic who loves the art of the deal and figuring out the complicated Rubik’s Cube of deal strategies, tactics, and objectives in multi-party negotiations with some of the world’s leading companies and most sophisticated capital providers. ”

Insight: Eva Davis Southern California “Lawyer of the Year,” 2025 *The Best Lawyers in America*®

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

Eva graduated *cum laude* in 1990 from Harvard Law School and *summa cum laude* in 1987 from Duke University, where she double majored in Economics and Political Science and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

### ADMISSIONS

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## Related Insights & News

Eva’s recent media commentary and publications include the following:

- “Private Equity Standing Up Well in the Midmarket in Europe and the U.S.” *NextStep Magazine*, July 2024 ([link](#))
- “Private Equity Exits Tumble to Decade-Long Low as Managers Hold Back,” *Fundfire*, December 2022
- “The Great Compression,” *Middle Market Growth*, October 2021
- “Definitive Agreement: How Winston & Strawn Moved Up the PE League Table,” *Mergermarket*, April 2021
- “Making it Rain: Eva Davis,” *ABA Law Practice Today*, December 2020
- “In Their Own Words With Winston & Strawn’s Eva Davis,” *Wall Street Journal*, October 2020
- “Earnout Provisions Regain Popularity as Investors Address Market Uncertainty,” *Wall Street Journal*, September 2020
- “Everyone wants in on the HCIT Party: TA, Francisco Partners, Blackstone, Oak HC/FT; Bain-backed Cerevel joins the SPAC craze,” *PE Hub*, July 2020
- “Most Influential Women Q&A,” *The Middle Market*, July 2020
- “Here’s How to Close a Deal Right Now,” *Institutional Investor*, June 5, 2020
- “PE Minority Investments Offer Alternative Capital During Crisis,” *Law360*, May 29, 2020
- “Private Equity Turns To Performance-Based Metrics To Get Deals Done,” *Forbes*, May 22, 2020 and *Mergermarket*, May 21, 2020
- “Q&A: Winston’s Eva Davis Sees Resurgence of Earnouts in PE Dealmaking,” *PE Hub*, May 11, 2020
- “Private Markets Respond to Coronavirus Disruption,” *Middle Market Growth*, May 6, 2020
- “COVID-19 Checklist of Considerations for Private Equity Funds,” *Winston & Strawn Briefing*, April 1, 2020
- “Dealmakers at Crossroads as Pandemic Shifts Expectations,” *The Deal*, March 24, 2020
- “Nine Key Differences When Doing Deals in Europe,” *Winston & Strawn Briefing*, November 5, 2019
- “Maximizing Value and Minimizing Risks in Carve-Outs: Seller’s Pre-Sale Preparation” and “Carve-Out Transactions: Negotiated Issues & Diligence Matters for Buyers,” *Deal Lawyers*, May 2018 and November 2018
- “Impact of CFIUS Reform on Private Equity Transactions,” *Private Equity Update*, September 24, 2018
- “Eight Key Differences: Public vs. Private Company Acquisitions in the US,” *Transaction Advisors*, Winter 2017
- Private Equity Update, “Two Private Equity Funds Saddled With Pension Liability of Bankrupt Portfolio Company,” April 2016 and “Private Equity Funds Saddled with Pension Liability,” *Employee Benefits News*, May 6, 2016
- “Bidding Wars: How to Position Your Fund or Company to Win the Deal,” *Transaction Advisors*, October 2015
- “Maximizing Results in an Auction: A Map to Sell-Side Success,” *Transaction Advisors*, September 29, 2015
- “Nine Tips for Venture Capital and Private Equity Funds Following *In re Nine Systems Corporation Shareholders Litigation*,” *The Journal of Private Equity*, Spring 2015
- “Delaware Courts Provide Clearer Roadmap for Take-Private Transactions Involving Controlling Stockholders,” *Transaction Advisors*, February 2015
- “Private Equity: Not a Black Sheep Buyer,” *Daily Journal*, December 2, 2014
- “Selling Your Business: Why Private Equity Can Be the Best Buyer,” *Transaction Advisors*, October 2014
- “U.K. M&A Deals: What a U.S. Buyer Should Expect,” *Transaction Advisors*, August 2014
- “California, Delaware, Illinois and New York Contractual Boilerplate: Same Provisions, Different Results?” *Inside Counsel*, Part I: August 26, 2014; Part II: September 25, 2014; Part III: October 27, 2014
- “The Strategic Use of Representation and Warranty Insurance in M&A Transactions,” *The Deal*, July 2014

- “Trends In Private Equity Exits,” *The Practical Law Journal*, September 2010, with Hamed Meshki
- “Making Nice, or Playing It Smart: Is corporate social responsibility a director duty or simply good PR?” *Corporate Counsel*, September 2010
- “Q&A: Corporate Social Responsibility: Driving This Phenomenon” *Directors & Boards*, September 2010
- “Minority Investments by Private Equity Funds,” *Law360*, November 5, 2009
- “California Fog: The Golden State’s Long-Arm Approach to ‘Quasi-California’ Corporations Leaves Companies and Investors in a State of Uncertainty,” *The Deal*, October 17, 2005, with Raymond LaMagna
- “Third Quarter M&A: Prelude to a Hot Year End,” *Mergers & Acquisitions Report*, October 3, 2005
- “Delaware Supreme Court Holds California Corporate Long-Arm Statute Violates Internal Affairs Doctrine,” *Kirkland & Ellis M&A Notes*, June 8, 2005
- “Corporate Investing: Strategic Alliance Issues and Considerations,” *The Venture Capital Review*, Issue 8, Spring 2001, with Juliette Harray

Eva’s recent speaking engagements include the following:

- “A New Day in M&A: The 2025 Outlook,” Association of Corporate Growth Orange County (ACGOC), (March 2025)
- “Advising Boards and General Counsel: Key Issues and Considerations (or “What Keeps Us Up at Night”),” Institute for Corporate Counsel (December 2024)
- “Top Agenda Items for the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee,” National Association of Corporate Directors, Pacific Southwest Chapter (May 2024)
- “2024 Economic and Political Outlook on M&A,” Association of Corporate Growth Los Angeles (ACG LA) (January 2024)
- “Women in Venture Capital: Founding, Funding and Strategies for Investment” Association of Corporate Growth Los Angeles (ACG LA) (July 2023)
- “Private Equity and M&A Dealmaking: State of the Market,” Association of Corporate Growth 101 Corridor (ACG 101) (June 2023)
- “Too Big/Too Small to Fail: What Lies Ahead – Bank Receiverships, the FDIC, the Federal Reserve and You,” Association of Corporate Counsel Financial Services Network (April 2023)
- “What Every Board Member and GC Should Know About M&A,” Association of Corporate Counsel (January 2022)
- “Leading Through Change,” Association of Corporate Counsel *Women in the House (WITH)* (October 2021)
- “Looking Ahead into 2021: What to Expect in Changing Times,” SoCal General Counsel Roundtable (January 2021)
- “Building Relationships While Staying Apart: Cultivating New Business in Challenging Times,” BoardEx/RelPro Webinar (August 2020)
- “Correcting the Record: Yes, Women Want to Form Their Own Private Equity Firms,” Winston & Strawn Webinar (July 2020)
- “Stock Price Nosedives, Deals Gone Sideways, and More: Securities and M&A Litigation in COVID-Churned Markets,” Winston & Strawn Securities and M&A Litigation Webinar (May 2020)
- “Managing Through the “Next” Normal,” Winston & Strawn and the Association of Corporate Counsel of Southern California Webinar (May 2020)
- “Implications of Certain Provisions of the Federal Stimulus Package to Private Equity Funds and their Portfolio Companies,” Winston & Strawn - Private Equity Webinar (April 2020)
- “State of the M&A Marketplace in 2019 and What’s Ahead in 2020,” 47th Annual Securities Regulation Institute (January 2020)

- “M&A Delaware Law Updates,” Institute for Corporate Counsel (December 2019)
- “Cross-Border M&A: What a U.S. Buyer Should Expect in European M&A,” Winston & Strawn - The Real Deal Webinar Series (February 2019)
- “Spin-Offs and Carve-Outs: Tackling Complex Legal Issues While Slicing and Dicing the Target Company for the Benefit of Buyer and Seller,” Institute for Corporate Counsel (December 2017)
- “PANIC!!! Or, Don’t. How to Lead Your Company Through A Crisis In The Social Media Era,” Los Angeles In-House Counsel Lunch & Learn (September 2017)
- “A Conversation with LA Women Business Leaders,” Women of ACG Executive Event (August 2014, July 2015, July 2016, June 2017, and June 2018)
- “Board Service 101: What You Need to Know Before Serving on a Public Company Board,” BoardNext, a Women Corporate Directors Initiative (June 2017)
- “Structuring Acquisitions of Family-Owned Businesses: Valuation, Due Diligence, Deal Structure, Operational Transition and More,” Strafford Publishing Continuing Education Webinar (November 2017 and June 2016)
- “Improving Your Results in an Auction: Insights on the Middle Market M&A Process,” Institute for Corporate Counsel (December 2015)
- “Tackling Difficult Issues in a Demanding Environment,” SoCal General Counsel Roundtable (October 2015)
- “Going-Private Transactions: Structuring Deals and Implementing Procedural Safeguards to Withstand Heightened SEC and Stockholder Scrutiny,” Strafford Publishing Continuing Education Webinar (October 2015)
- “Bidding Wars: How to Position Your Fund to Win the Deal,” Los Angeles Private Equity Exchange and San Francisco Private Equity Exchange (May and September 2015)
- “Structuring Take-Private Transactions Involving Controlling Stockholders in Light of Recent Delaware Precedent,” Winston & Strawn - The Real Deal Webinar Series (July 2015)
- “Acquiring or Selling the Privately Held Company 2015,” Practising Law Institute (April 2015)
- “The Economy at a Time of Global Unrest,” Harvard Law School Business and Finance Panel (April 2015)
- “Sell Side Due Diligence: Proactively Maximizing the Success of Your Deal,” AM&AA Winter Conference (January 2015)
- “California, Delaware, Illinois and New York Considerations When Drafting and Negotiating Letters of Intent, Confidentiality and Standstill Arrangements and Other Corporate Agreements,” Practising Law Institute (January 2015)
- “Representation & Warranty Insurance,” Winston & Strawn - The Real Deal Webinar Series (November 2014)
- “Fiduciary Duties of Directors and Controlling Stockholders in Change of Control and Related Party Transactions,” Practising Law Institute (May 2014)
- “Trends and Developments in M&A: Private Company Targets,” Winston & Strawn – The Real Deal Webinar Series (April and May 2014)
- “Latest Trends for Confidentiality, Standstill and Exclusivity Agreements and Letters of Intent for Public and Private Companies,” Practising Law Institute (January 2014)
- “Fiduciary Duties of Directors and Controlling Stockholders in Change of Control Transactions and Liquidity Events,” Practising Law Institute (May 2013)
- “Private Equity and Venture Capital: Drafting and Negotiating Corporate Agreements,” Practising Law Institute (Conference Co-Chairwoman; January 2013)
- “Strategies and Trends in Mergers & Acquisitions,” Association for Corporate Growth Los Angeles 2012 Business Conference, Senior Women in Business Forum (September 2012)

- “Trends in Leveraged Loans and High Yield Bonds: A Legal Perspective,” Columbia Business School (February 2012)
- “Equity Agreements: Drafting and Negotiating Arrangements Among Majority and Minority Equity Owners,” Practising Law Institute (January 2012)
- “Acquiring and Selling the Privately Held Company,” Practising Law Institute (May 2011)
- “Exit Strategies: Identifying and Capitalizing on Opportunities that Generate the Greatest Investor Returns,” American Conference Institute, 18th National Private Equity Summit (February 2011)
- “Recent Trends in Middle Market Mergers & Acquisitions,” Institute for Corporate Counsel (December 2010)
- “C-Suite Women: Navigating Your Way into and Within the Boardrooms of Corporate America,” Women in the Boardroom (May 2010)
- “Corporate Governance Today: Proxy Battles, SEC Compliance Issues and New Legislation Governing Executive Pay, Benefits and Board Nominees,” Women Corporate Directors of Southern California (March 2010)
- “Tackling Distress: How and When to Buy Companies In and Around Bankruptcy,” The Capital Roundtable, Private Equity Master Class Series (June 2009)
- “Effective Leadership in the Private Sector,” Harvard Law School, Women’s Law Symposium (February 2009)
- “Negotiations Strategy: Tips and Tales from the Trenches,” Deloitte & Touche, Women’s Initiative Network, Keynote Speaker (May 2006)

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## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT**

Eva Davis Speaks at ACG’s A New Day in M&A Seminar

MARCH 20, 2025

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## **BLOG**

Winston Los Angeles Helps Children Improve Literacy Skills and Develop a Love for Reading

NOVEMBER 6, 2024

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## **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston Partners Recognized on the 2025 *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Dealmakers in America List

OCTOBER 22, 2024

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## **SEMINAR/CLE**

Female Founders & Funders

SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

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## **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2025

AUGUST 15, 2024

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## **IN THE MEDIA**

Eva Davis and Grine Lahreche Discuss U.S. and Europe Private Equity Markets with *NextStep Magazine*

**RECOGNITIONS**

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *The Legal 500 U.S.* 2024

JUNE 12, 2024

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**NEWS**

Eva Davis Shares Insights from Women-Focused Board Director Event

JUNE 6, 2024

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Winston & Strawn Recognized in *Chambers USA* 2024

JUNE 6, 2024

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**SEMINAR/CLE**

Winston’s Dallas Private Equity Team Hosts Inaugural Capital Connection

APRIL 25, 2024

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**SEMINAR/CLE**

Winston Hosts Panel Discussion with Industry Leaders on Women & Client Relationship Development

MARCH 13, 2024

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**PRESS RELEASE**

Winston & Strawn Names New Litigation and Transactions Department Co-Chairs

FEBRUARY 26, 2024

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Health Care

Media & Entertainment

Medical Devices

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