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David is co-chair of the firm's Capital Markets practice and represents issuers and underwriters in public and private offerings, with extensive experience advising international clients.

David serves as the co-chair of the firm's Capital Markets practice and concentrates his practice in securities, international corporate finance transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and general corporate matters.

David has extensive experience with advising on the issuance of high-yield debt, equity, and equity-linked securities in SEC-registered, Rule 144A, Regulation S, and private placement transactions. He has been involved in public and private offerings in Latin America, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and the United States, including initial public offerings, rights offerings, and debt-for-equity exchanges.

David also counsels U.S. and foreign private issuers regarding ongoing compliance with SEC, New York Stock Exchange, and Nasdaq reporting obligations. Additionally, David advises clients regarding public disclosure obligations and corporate governance issues. He has experience in transactions involving special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs), acting for issuers, sponsors and underwriters in SPAC IPOs as well as for acquirers and targets in SPAC business combinations.

David is an adjunct professor at the Cornell University School of Law, where he teaches its course on securities regulation.

Recent Experience

Drugs Made In America Acquisition Corp. Announces Closing of \$200,000,000 Initial Public Offering

Global Engine Group Holding Limited Announces Closing of \$8 Million Initial Public Offering

Winston Closes Financing of the Landmark San Juan Bay Cruise Terminals Project

Represented FAGE International S.A. and FAGE USA Dairy Industry, Inc. Modified Dutch Auction Cash Tender Offer For \$50.3 Million of Senior Notes

Inno Holdings Inc. Closes \$10M Initial Public Offering

FAGE International S.A. and FAGE USA Dairy Industry, Inc. Modified Dutch Auction Cash Tender Offer For \$107.5 Million of Senior Notes

99 Acquisition Group Inc. Closing of US\$75M Initial Public Offering

Nxu Inc. Announces US\$5M Public Offering

Fitell Corporation US\$15M Initial Public Offering

Warrantee Inc. Announces Pricing of Initial Public Offering

Recognitions

David was a recommended lawyer in the 2021–2024 editions of *The Legal 500 US*. He was also recognized as a “Key Lawyer” for Capital Markets: Equity Offerings in 2021 and Capital Markets: Debt Offerings in 2024. He has been listed by *Lawdragon* among the “Leading Dealmakers in America” from 2021–2025.

Activities

David is the global Chair of the Winston Pride lawyers network and a member of the firm’s Opportunity & Inclusion Committee. He also is a member of the firm’s Hiring Committee, Summer Program Committee, Associate Evaluation Committee and Corporate Opinion Committee.

Credentials

EDUCATION

David received an A.B., *magna cum laude*, in 1991 from Princeton University, Princeton School of Public and International Affairs, and a J.D. in 1994 from Harvard Law School, where he was a submissions editor of the *Harvard International Law Journal* and a supervising editor of the *Harvard Journal on Legislation*.

ADMISSIONS

- New York

Related Insights & News

David's publications and speaking engagements include:

- Co-Author, "[The Impact on Equity Compensation Tax Withholding of the SEC's New T+1 Settlement Cycle](#)," *Insights: The Corporate & Securities Law Advisor*, Volume 38, Number 8, August 2024.
- Co-Author, "[SEC's Proxy Amendments Enhance Timeliness and Independence of Proxy Voting Advice](#)," *Insights: The Corporate & Securities Law Advisor*, Volume 36, Number 9, September 2022.
- Speaker, "Board Compensation Committees in 2020 and Primer on Special Purpose Acquisition Companies (SPACs)," NACD Program, November 2020.
- "The Credit Roundtable's Proposals to Improve Covenant Protections in the Investment-Grade Bond Market," *Pratt's Journal of Bankruptcy Law*, February/March 2008 (with James Junewicz).
- "Securities Laws," *Basri & Kagan's Corporate Legal Departments* (Practising Law Institute; annual updates).

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SEC Staff Issues New Guidance Making Capital Raising Easier for Non-WKSI Form S-3 Issuers

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SEC Issues No-Action Letter Clarifying Verification of Accredited Investor Status Under Rule 506(c)

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SEC Staff Expands Nonpublic Review Process to Facilitate Capital Formation and Public Offerings

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SEC Issues New Guidance on Exclusion of Shareholder Proposals

FEBRUARY 28, 2025

Capabilities

Capital Markets	Corporate Governance	Financial Services Transactions & Regulatory	
Fund Finance	Mergers & Acquisitions	Public Companies	Financial Services
Cryptocurrencies, Digital Assets & Blockchain Technology		Energy Transition	Oil & Gas