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Services

Business & Finance
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David Schaffer focuses his practice on mergers, acquisitions, securities offerings, and secured financing. Over the past 30 years, he has handled a wide variety of transactions for corporate entities, private equity firms, institutional investors, and commercial banks. David has managed all aspects of these transactions including anti-trust, cross-border, tax, real estate, and regulatory issues. He has represented clients in the banking and finance, information technology, food manufacturing and distribution, steel, real estate, insurance, and healthcare industries.

Prior to joining the firm, David was a senior partner in the Chicago, Illinois office of a well-established litigation law firm where he was an integral part of its corporate practice. His practice consisted of mergers, acquisitions (including leveraged recapitalizations) and dispositions, privately placed securities offerings, secured financing, and general corporate and commercial counseling and planning. Previously, David was a partner and Co-Chair of the corporate practice group at a national law firm in its Chicago, Illinois office where he concentrated his practice on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, privately placed securities offerings, secured lending matters, employment law, general corporate counseling, and compliance matters.

David has been recognized as a “Leading Lawyer” and one of the top attorneys in Illinois for Commercial Bankruptcy and Workout, Mergers and Acquisitions, and Securities and Venture Finance Law by *Leading Lawyers* magazine.

Education

Harvard University J.D. (1987)

University of Chicago A.B. (1983) *with honors*



Admissions

Illinois (1990)

New York (1989)

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (1991)

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (1991)

Clerkships

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Professional & Community Activities

Chicago Board of Education, Local School Council, Walter Payton College Preparatory High School, Member

Governor of Illinois Conference on Housing, Former Member

Christian Brothers Fund, Former Secretary and Director

Las Olas Company, Former Secretary

Mission of Our Lady of Mercy, Former Secretary and Director

Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois, Former Treasurer and Director

Nazareth Academy, Former Trustee

Illinois Department of Financial Institutions, Former Hearing Officer

Insights

[News Releases](#)

KT Client Success | Facilitating the Sale of the Largest Pain Clinic in Indiana to Anodyne Holdings
September 14, 2023

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Kilpatrick Townsend Launches New Offices
March 7, 2023

[Events](#)

The Outlook for U.S. Corporate Tax Reform, Border Adjustments and Trade Actions
April 5, 2017



Publication

Could President Trump Really Pull the U.S. Out of NAFTA?

November 14, 2016

Events

Navigating Tender Offers and the Regulatory Approval Process in Public, and Private, M&A Deals

May 12, 2016