

# Going Public and Raising Capital in 2021



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Mike is a Partner in the Houston office and focuses his practice on corporate finance, M&A, private equity, and securities law. He regularly counsels public companies on strategic transactions, capital markets offerings, and general corporate and securities law matters. Mike represents both issuers and underwriters in U.S. and international capital markets transactions, including initial public offerings, and advises on corporate governance and securities market regulation.



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Carol Anne is co-chair of the firm's Capital Markets practice. She focuses her practice on corporate and securities law, with an emphasis on the representation of public companies and private equity firms in capital markets transactions, mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, and restructurings.

Carol Anne has deep experience in complex capital markets and restructuring transactions, including initial public offerings, transactions involving special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs), high-yield debt offerings, going-private transactions, tender offers, PIPE transactions, and spin-offs.

She has extensive experience counseling public companies with regard to securities regulations and other corporate matters, including SEC compliance, Exchange Act periodic reporting and disclosure issues, Sarbanes-Oxley Act compliance, corporate governance best practices, fiduciary duty and special committee issues, stock option plans, and Rule 144 issues, stock exchange requirements, and Section 16 matters.



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Christina focuses her practice on general corporate and securities matters, including representing issuers and investment banks in capital markets and leveraged finance transactions, mergers and acquisitions and counseling public companies regarding disclosure, corporate governance, and other securities law and compliance issues. Christina has particular experience advising on corporate and securities transactions involving real estate investment trusts (REITs).

Christina represents issuers and investment banks in initial public offerings and follow-on offerings, as well as public and private offerings of investment-grade, convertible, and high-yield debt. Christina also advises clients on mergers and acquisitions, particularly transactions involving public companies. She regularly counsels companies on SEC compliance matters and advises management teams and boards on corporate governance and other securities law and compliance issues. Christina has experience in a variety of industries, including real estate, automotive, retail and consumer products, and electric power and utilities, among others.



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David represents issuers and underwriters in public and private offerings, with extensive experience advising international clients. He concentrates his practice in securities, international corporate finance transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and general corporate matters.

David has extensive experience in 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.