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Christopher Babcock is a partner in Foley & Lardner's Dallas office with a practice focused on corporate governance, public and private mergers and acquisitions, and securities matters. He is co-chair of the firm's Texas Corporate Governance Team.

Christopher is a highly recognized thought leader on Texas law, representing public companies, special committees, privately held companies, private equity funds and nonprofits in corporate governance, reincorporations, disclosure requirements and shareholder campaigns, activist defense, mergers and acquisitions, tender offers, portfolio company management, and a broad range of related matters. He excels at complicated transactions, helping clients to think creatively and working with them to navigate their most significant challenges and other transformational matters.

Christopher serves as the President of the Alliance for Corporate Excellence, a non-profit advocating for laws that ensure corporations are governed by their shareholders and their duly elected boards, and not by nominal stakeholders and was closely involved in drafting and the passage of Texas Senate Bill 29 by the Texas legislature in 2025, including through public testimony in support of the bill. As a result of this work, Christopher and his co-chair of the Texas Corporate Governance Team, Chris Converse, are considered the leading counselors to Fortune 500 companies when considering incorporating in Texas or otherwise advising on Texas law, and Christopher and his team have unique experience counseling public and private companies in the intricacies of Texas corporate law and its application to public and private companies and their boards and shareholders. Christopher is a leading speaker on Texas law issues and choice of incorporation.

Christopher has co-authored numerous articles relevant to mergers and acquisitions and corporate governance matters published by the *Delaware Business Court Insider*, the *Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation*, *Law360,* and others, and serves as the outside editor for Thompson Reuters O'Connor's book on the Texas Business Organizations Code. He has been invited to

speak at numerous events, including meetings of the Technology Special Interest group of Financial Executives International, the Dallas Bar M&A Section, and the Choice, Governance & Acquisition of Entities conference.

Prior to law school, Christopher served as an instructor-qualified airborne intelligence officer in the U.S. Air Force, earning the rank of captain. He serves as the President of the Alliance for Corporate Excellence, a non-profit advocating for laws that ensure corporations are governed by their shareholders and their duly elected boards, and not by nominal stakeholders.

Representative Experience
Private Equity
- Represented Rosewood Private Investments in the acquisition, sale, growth, and management of a number of portfolio companies, including INW Manufacturing (cumulating in a sale to Cornell Capital), Novaria (cumulating in a sale to an affiliate of KKR) and others.
- Represented Strait Lane Capital Partners in numerous sales and acquisitions of a number of its portfolio companies, including its sale of Griswold LLC to Rogers Corporation.
- Represented Riata Capital Group in connection with the acquisition of multiple practices in connection with formation and growth of an optometry platform company.
- Represented Star Dental Partners in multiple acquisitions of dentist practices.
- Represented Highlander Capital Partners in connection with series of follow-on acquisitions to grow, and divestitures from, an auto products portfolio company.
- Represented LKCM Headwater in acquisition of TestEquity, a value-added distributor of test and measurement equipment and MRO tools and supplies for laboratories and electronics manufacturing, and a manufacturer of environmental chambers, and in sale of Heads Up Technologies, an aerospace manufacturing company.

Corporate Governance
- Represented Stryker Corporation in connection with governance and internal restricting matters concerning various subsidiaries.
- Represented conflicts committee of general partner of Alon USA Partners, LP, in connection with controlling limited partner taking the master limited partnership private.
- Represented FUNimation in connection with equity compensation and related issues raised in connection with its acquisition by Sony Pictures Television.
- Represented certain director/shareholders of Good Times Restaurants Inc. in dispute about composition of board.

Other
- Represented Evans Enterprises in its sale to Integrated Power Services.
- Represented Sachs Capital in connection with take-private acquisition of RMG Networks Holding Corporation and related bridge financing.

- Represented 1st Global, Inc., including its registered investment advisor and broker-dealer subsidiaries, in its acquisition by Blucora, Inc.
- Represented Stryve Foods in connection with its de-SPAC transaction and subsequent matters.

Awards and Recognition

- Stand-out Lawyer, *Thomson Reuters* (2025)
- Super Lawyers® – Texas Rising Stars (2018-2022)
- *Texas Lawyer*'s Texas Legal Excellence Awards – On the Rise Award (2021)

Affiliations

- Past chair, Dallas Bar Association – Mergers & Acquisitions Section (2017-2019)

Community Involvement

- Member, Baylor University's Honors College Advisory Council

Sectors

- Energy & Infrastructure
- Energy Transition

Practice Areas

- Capital Markets & Public Company Advisory
- Corporate
- Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG)
- Private Equity
- Transactions
- Venture & Growth Capital

Education

- Baylor University (B.A., summa cum laude)
  - Phi Beta Kappa
- Harvard Law School (J.D., cum laude)
  - Submissions Editor, *Harvard National Security Journal* Semifinalist, Ames Moot Court Competition
  - Treasurer, Armed Forces Association

Admissions

- Texas