

## D CEO Recognizes Three Haynes and Boone Transactions as 2020 'Deals of the Year' Finalists

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February 28, 2020 Daniel Malone, Madelyn Calabrese, Daren Domina, Paul Amiel, Sakina Foster, Laura Shapiro, Jennifer Wisinski, Brent Beckert, Rachael Williams, Camie McKee, Simin Sun, Susan Wetzel, Scott Thompson, Sam Lichtman, Greg Samuel, Tom Harris, Rosebud Nau, Bryan Diebels, Monika Sanford, Raquel Alvarenga, CJ Donald

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Three transactions handled by Haynes Boone lawyers have been selected as “Deals of the Year” finalists for *D CEO* magazine and the Association for Corporate Growth’s 2020 Mergers & Acquisitions Awards.

The program recognizes the top M&A matters in North Texas and the outstanding professionals who played key roles in the deals. The finalists will be honored at an awards ceremony on April 30 and featured in the May issue of *D CEO* magazine.

The transactions are described below:

### **Blucora’s Acquisition of 1st Global**

A Haynes Boone team represented Blucora Inc. in its acquisition of 1st Global Inc., a tax-focused wealth management company based in Dallas, for \$180 million.

Haynes Boone Dallas Partner Jan Sharry led the team representing Blucora and was assisted by Denver Partner [Dan P. Malone Jr.](#) and Associates Michael Pritchard, David Lightstone and Omar Shariff. New York Partners [Madelyn Calabrese](#) and [Daren Domina](#) advised Blucora on regulatory issues. Partners [Paul Amiel](#) and [Sakina Foster](#) and Associate [Laura Shapiro](#) advised the client on financing for the transaction. Associate [Raquel Alvarenga](#) advised on labor and employment issues and Associate [Scott Thompson](#) advised on employee benefits and executive compensation.

### **Landry’s Acquisition of Del Frisco’s Steakhouse Brands**

Partners [Jennifer Wisinski](#), [Paul Amiel](#) and Sameer Saxena and a team of lawyers represented Landry’s and its owner Tilman J. Fertitta, in the acquisition by Landry’s of the Del Frisco’s Double Eagle Steakhouses and the Del Frisco’s Grilles business from L Catterton, the largest and most global consumer-focused private equity firm, for an undisclosed price.

The deal team, led by Wisinski, Amiel and Saxena, included Haynes Boone Associates [Brent Beckert](#), Courtney Chouinard, [Rachael Apfel](#), Brett Moore, [Camie Carlock](#) and [Simin Sun](#). Partner [Susan Wetzel](#) and Associate [Scott Thompson](#) handled employee benefits and executive compensation matters and Partner [Sam Lichtman](#) handled tax aspects of the deal. Partner [Monika Sanford](#) and Associates Mitchell Heyland, [Laura Shapiro](#) and [C.J. Donald](#) advised the client on financing the transaction.

### **Sale of WatchGuard, Inc. to Motorola Solutions, Inc.**

A Haynes Boone team led by Partner [Greg Samuel](#) represented WatchGuard, Inc., a nationwide leader in the production and distribution of police video systems, including in-car video systems and body-worn cameras for public safety systems, in its sale to Motorola Solutions, Inc.

The deal team also included Partner [Tom Harris](#) and Associates [Rosebud Nau](#), [Brent Beckert](#), [Rachael Apfel](#), [Bryan Diebels](#) and [Scott Thompson](#).

To view the full list of finalists for the M&A Awards, click [here](#).

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