

Haynes Boone Achieves Top 3 Ranking for Texas M&A Deals in 2023

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In its annual Corporate Deal Tracker report of mergers and acquisitions activity in the Texas market, *Texas Lawbook* ranked Haynes Boone [in the top five firms for both total deals and aggregate deal value in 2023](#). The rankings track M&A transactions handled by Texas lawyers and transactions in the Texas market. Haynes Boone earned the highest ranking of all Texas-based firms by number of deals.

Haynes Boone surged in the rankings as the [third most active firm](#) by number of deals in 2023, up from the fifth most active in 2022. The firm advised on 69 Texas-led deals in 2023, up 9% from last year. Haynes Boone also climbed one spot for Texas-related deals, ranking as the fourth most active firm with 79 total transactions.

"Our ranking in this market shows our team's deep strength and our commitment to excellence in navigating complex transactions, including for our private equity clients," said [Tom Harris](#), Chair of the Mergers and Acquisitions Practice Group. "We could not be more thrilled and pleased for our great work to be recognized near the top of this list."

Some of the firm's notable transactions in 2023 include representing:

- Avantax in its [\\$1.2 billion take-private sale to Cetera](#)
- Brand Engagement Network in its [\\$358 million combination with DHC](#)
- Capitol Services in its [partnership with Clearlake](#)
- Chesapeake Energy in its [\\$1.4 billion sale of Eagle Ford Assets to INEOS Energy](#)
- Liberty Energy in its [\\$78 million acquisition of Siren Energy](#)

The *Texas Lawbook* rankings follow several other honors that the Haynes Boone M&A Practice Group has received this year, including Brent Beckert and Austin Elam being [named emerging leaders by The M&A Advisor](#), and multiple Deal of the Year awards given by [ACG Houston](#) and [the Global M&A Network](#).

Haynes Boone's M&A Practice Group has comprehensive experience handling middle-market deals, having helped clients close more than 500 transactions in the last five years, with an aggregate value exceeding \$50 billion. The firm routinely represents private equity firms, closely held corporations, founders, large financial institutions and Fortune 500 public companies.

About Haynes Boone

Founded in 1970, Haynes Boone provides a full spectrum of legal services across multiple sectors, including energy, financial services, private equity and technology. The firm's nearly 700 lawyers practice in 19 offices in California, Colorado, Illinois, New York, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia and Washington, D.C., as well as London, Mexico City and Shanghai. Haynes Boone was recognized in the 2022 BTI Consulting Group's A-Team report, which identified firms commended by in-house counsel for superior client service, and it was ranked 21st in The American Lawyer's 2023 Diversity

Scorecard, which evaluated 228 participating firms by the diversity of their attorney populations. For more information, visit haynesboone.com.