

Haynes Boone and Dan Malone Win Top Awards at International M&A Gala

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[Global M&A Network](#) recognized Haynes Boone and Denver Office Managing Partner [Dan Malone](#) as international leaders in mergers and acquisitions at its 15th Annual M&A Atlas Awards Gala on Jan. 30 in New York City.

Malone was named a Top 50: Americas M&A Dealmaker, recognizing his work and experience in multi-billion-dollar transactions. He's advised clients on hundreds of deals totaling more than \$25 billion across diverse industries. He is also ranked among the leading M&A and private equity lawyers in Chambers USA.

Haynes Boone won two other M&A Atlas Awards for large-scale transactions spanning multiple industries.

The firm received the award for Global Private Equity M&A Deal of the Year (Large Market) for its representation of Blucora, Inc. in the \$720 million sale of the company's tax software business, TaxAct, Inc. to an affiliate of Cinven, Ltd. a UK-based private equity fund.

Following the sale's close, Blucora rebranded as Avantax, and last year, Haynes Boone guided Avantax, Inc. (NASDAQ: AVTA) through a [strategic take-private sale](#) to Aretec Group, Inc., the holding company of Cetera Financial Group, Inc. Cetera executed an all-cash acquisition of Avantax's outstanding shares, totaling approximately \$1.2 billion.

Haynes Boone was also awarded Deal of the Year – Metals which recognized the firm's counsel of Commercial Metals Company (NYSE: CMC) through its acquisition of metal recycling company Roane Metals Group LLC. The deal significantly improved the supply of materials for Commercial Metals Company's steelmaking operation.

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.