

## RAYMOND B. WALKER III

— Managing Partner —

Raymond Walker is a founding partner of Walker Eisenbraun and currently serves as its managing partner. With over two decades of legal and business experience, he advises companies and private equity firms on all aspects of their corporate, securities and transactional matters, with an emphasis on middle market transactions. Raymond's long-time clients, ranging from Fortune 100 companies, middle market operating companies, and private equity funds and portfolio companies, trust Raymond to handle a broad range of corporate and transactional matters, such as mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, placements of debt and equity, formation and structuring of entities, company restructurings and reorganizations, corporate governance, joint ventures, and other complex transactions. Raymond's middle market focus was honed as a capital markets attorney with national law firms, as general counsel and senior vice president of a private equity fund, and as a board member and advisor for several energy portfolio companies. Raymond has been recognized for his excellence in law, having been named a Super Lawyer for mergers and acquisitions and as a Rising Star by Texas Super Lawyers<sup>©</sup>, a Thomson Reuters business.

Raymond approaches transactions – and life – with a reasoned and deliberate intensity that manifests in his work ethic and service to clients and the community. He graduated *cum laude* from Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the ABA Journal, *The International Lawyer*. Raymond earned his undergraduate degree in Biomedical Science from Texas A&M University. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Santo Clinic, which provides medical services in Haiti, and on the Development Council of The Arms of Hope, which houses, educates and assists disadvantaged children and single mothers. Raymond considers his family his greatest accomplishment, including his wife and two children, with whom he enjoys hunting, playing tennis, and attending Texas A&M football games whenever possible.

#### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented exploration and production company in reorganization and \$52,000,000 disposition of interests to private equity acquirer, and establishment of \$100,000,000 reserves-based lending facility
- Represented venture capital group in fund formation and financing, and approximately \$26,000,000 financed acquisition and reorganization of specialty construction materials manufacturing and services company
- Borrower's counsel in reorganization of \$55,000,000 syndicated credit facility of distressed publicly traded hospital



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#### **EXPERTISE**

Mergers & Acquisitions

Corporate & Securities

Private Equity & Venture Capital

Structured Financings & Recapitalizations

Restructurings & Reorganizations

Lending & Commercial Finance

Joint Venture Transactions

Board & Special Committee Counsel

**Executive Employment & Compensation** 

Broker/Dealer Compliance

**Complex Commercial Transactions** 

Regulatory Compliance

#### **EDUCATION**

- J.D., cum laude, Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law, 2000 Editor-in-chief of ABA Journal: The International Lawyer
- B.S., Biomedical Science, Texas A&M University, 1997

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

- Texas Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters, 2019
- Texas Rising Stars, Thomson Reuters, 2006

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS (cont'd)

- Seller's counsel in approximately \$47,000,000 equity sale of energy brokerage technology firm to private equity acquirer
- Represented NYSE-listed master limited partnership in joint venture arrangement with Fortune 500 midstream company involving contribution and repurposing of pipeline assets to joint venture for use in long-term project
- Represented private equity-sponsored downstream energy company in approximately \$62,000,000 processing facility construction and development project, and associated long-term lease and services arrangements, for New Jersey-based refining facility
- Represented specialty surgical hospital in \$26,000,000 distressed asset sale to major hospital system
- Represented NYSE-listed midstream energy company in purchase of multiple natural gas gathering systems and related facilities in the Gulf of Mexico from independent exploration and production company
- Represented private equity-sponsored midstream energy company in negotiation and preparation of approximately \$13,000,000 engineering, procurement and construction agreement with engineering and construction services company for processing facility construction project in Baytown, Texas
- Represented chemical manufacturing company board of directors in approximately \$7,000,000 capital reorganization by repurchase of major stockholder stock, commercial bank financing and new investment capitalization during stockholder dispute
- Seller's counsel in \$13,000,000 acquisition by private equity group of software company by reverse triangular merger under Delaware law with a Boston-based national law firm representing purchaser and a New York-based national law firm representing major stockholders

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

- Santo Clinic, Board of Directors (providing medical services to Haiti)
- Arms of Hope, Development Council (helping disadvantaged children and single mother families in need)
- YoungLife Group Leader (Former)
- Efficiency First, Founding Member & Member of Best Practices Committee (Former)
- Colorado Solar Energy Industries Association (Former)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- The Effect of NAFTA on Environmental Regulations in the United States, Canada and Mexico, 1 NAFTA: LAW AND BUSINESS REVIEW OF THE AMERICAS, Volume VI, No. 1 (Winter 2000)
- The U.S. Financial Services Modernization Act of 1999: New Financial Order, or Financial Chaos, 16 B.F.L.R. 47 (2000)

#### **PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE**

- General Counsel & SVP Government
  Affairs, Standard Renewable Energy, LP
- Corporate & Capital Markets Attorney, Winstead PC
- Corporate & Capital Markets Attorney, Jenkens & Gilchrist PC

# PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Texas Bar Association
- Houston Bar Association
- Texas General Counsel Forum (Former)
- Greater Houston Partnership,
  Energy Policy Subcommittee, Solar
  Collaborative (Former)