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William B. Altabef is an associate in the Dallas office of Gibson Dunn. His practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, private equity investments, and advising on general corporate matters.

William earned his law degree from the University of Chicago Law School, where he served as Comments Editor for the *Chicago Journal of International Law*. He received his undergraduate degree with honors from Northwestern University. Prior to joining the firm, William clerked for the Honorable Patrick E. Higginbotham of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. During law school, William interned for the Honorable Barbara M. G. Lynn of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Prior to law school, he worked in marketing for a multinational financial services corporation.

William is admitted to practice in Texas.

Representative Matters

- Counsel to Pioneer Natural Resources Company in its $65 billion merger with Exxon Mobil Corporation
- Counsel to AT&T in connection with the sale of its interest in DIRECTV.
- Counsel to Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. in its $5.4 billion combination transaction with NexTier Oilfield Solutions Inc.
- Counsel to an affiliate of Lone Star Funds in its acquisition of CentroMotion, a leading designer and manufacturer of highly engineered products and systems for the industrial and transportation markets.
- Counsel to CenterOak Partners LLC in its acquisitions and divestitures of numerous businesses.
- Counsel to Trive Capital in acquiring its stake in Mo’ Bettahs Hawaiian Style Food.

Publications

- *The Legal Man in the Moon: Exploring Environmental Personhood for Celestial Bodies*, 21 Chi. J. Int’l L. 476 (2021).

Capabilities

Mergers and Acquisitions

Private Equity

Securities Regulation and Corporate Governance

Credentials

Education

University of Chicago Law School - 2021 Juris Doctor

Northwestern University - 2017 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

Texas Bar

Clerkships

US Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit, Hon. Patrick E. Higginbotham, 2021 - 2022

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