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David Lee is a Corporate partner in Gibson Dunn's Orange County Office. Mr. Lee structures and negotiates domestic and cross-border transactions on behalf of corporations, venture capital firms, and private equity houses. His practice includes mergers & acquisitions, private placements, initial public offerings, follow-on offerings, recapitalizations, take-private transactions, hostile takeover defense, and other complex corporate transactions.

Mr. Lee has experience in a number of dynamic sectors, including the healthcare, cleantech, energy, and digital media industries. He regularly represents clients in these sectors in their most important sales, acquisitions and licenses, new technologies, and corporate acquisitions. Mr. Lee advises venture capital and private equity firms on their strategic investments and acquisitions throughout the investment lifecycle. He also handles equity and debt capital markets offerings on behalf of both issuers and investment banks.

Mr. Lee offers sophisticated commercial insights that reflect his experience in the private sector. Before becoming a lawyer, Mr. Lee served as a Certified Public Accountant in the audit and valuations department of Price Waterhouse, and as Controller and Vice President of Finance of a Fortune 500 energy company. He has also served as the Co-Chairman of the Transactions Affinity Group of the American Health Lawyers Association, and he has taught accounting courses at the UCLA Extension Program.

While studying for his *Juris Doctor* degree at Northwestern University, Mr. Lee was simultaneously enrolled at the Kellogg School of Management in their accelerated, joint-degree program. At Kellogg, he majored in finance and was awarded the Dean's Award for Top Academic Achievement. During law school, he authored *An Empirical Study of Tort Reform*, a paper that won the Raoul Berger Prize for the best senior research paper of the year and was presented at the annual meeting of the American Law and Economics Association.

Mr. Lee has been recognized as a leading corporate lawyer for his work across practice areas. Among his honors, Mr. Lee was named in *Who's Who Legal* for Capital Markets in 2014, and was selected as a Southern California Rising Star 2013 by Supers Lawyers for Mergers & Acquisitions.

Mr. Lee received his Juris Doctor degree, *magna cum laude*, in 2004 from Northwestern University School of Law, where he was elected Order of the Coif. He received his MBA, with Distinction, from Northwestern University, and his Bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

Prior to joining to Gibson Dunn, Mr. Lee was a Corporate partner at Latham & Watkins.



Capabilities

Mergers and Acquisitions
Capital Markets
Emerging Companies / Venture Capital
Energy Regulation and Litigation
Energy and Infrastructure
FDA and Health Care
International Trade Advisory and Enforcement
Life Sciences
Power and Renewables
Private Equity
Securities Regulation and Corporate Governance
Strategic Sourcing and Commercial Transactions
Technology Transactions

Credentials

Education

Northwestern University - 2004 Juris Doctor
Northwestern University - 2004 MBA
University of California - Berkeley - 1994 Bachelor of Science

Admissions

California Bar