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Robert B. Little is a partner in Gibson Dunn's Dallas office. He is a Global Co-Chair of the Mergers and Acquisitions Practice Group and a former member of the firm's Executive Committee.

Rob is consistently recognized for his leadership and strategic work with clients, having been named among the nation's top M&A lawyers by *Chambers USA* every year for more than a decade. Described as "amazing and extremely responsive" (*Chambers USA* 2026), "very knowledgeable" (*Chambers USA* 2025) and "an impressive lawyer who is super responsive, super business savvy and great to work with" (*Chambers USA* 2024), he is admired by clients for his "naturally calm demeanor and a way of making problems seem smaller and more manageable. He is practical and laser-focused on business goals" (*Chambers USA* 2023) and for being "an exceptional practitioner and trusted adviser" (*Chambers USA* 2022). Rob is also ranked as a Private Equity leader by *Chambers USA*, and his clients have noted, "Rob is a smart, hard-working, high-character, results-oriented lawyer who focuses on timely, efficient and cost-effective solutions – he's an outstanding lawyer" (*Chambers* 2023).

Rob's practice focuses on corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, securities offerings, joint ventures, investments in public and private entities, and commercial transactions. He also advises business organizations regarding matters such as securities law disclosure, corporate governance, and fiduciary obligations. In addition, he represents investment funds and their sponsors along with investors in such funds. Rob has represented clients in a variety of industries, including telecommunications, energy, retail, technology, infrastructure, transportation, manufacturing, space and financial services.

Rob was selected as a *Law360* 2026 MVP for Mergers & Acquisitions and named 'Dealmaker of the Year' at the 2026 *Law.com* Texas Legal Awards. In 2025, Rob was recognized by his peers as the Dallas/Fort Worth "Lawyer of the Year" in Mergers and Acquisitions Law in *The Best Lawyers in America*®. He previously received this recognition in 2023. He is also consistently recognized as one of *The Best Lawyers in America*® for corporate and M&A law (2013-2025), and has been recognized as one of the "500 Leading Lawyers in America" by *Lawdragon.* In 2024, *D CEO* magazine named Rob the Dallas Attorney of the Year for the second time, and Rob was recognized by *Texas Super Lawyers Magazine* as a 2024 M&A Super Lawyer.

Rob received his law degree in 1998 with highest honors from The University of Texas School of Law, where he was named a Chancellor and a member of Order of the Coif and served as Articles Editor of the *Texas Law Review*. He holds a B.A. from Baylor University, where he graduated *summa cum laude* in 1995. He previously served as a law clerk to The Honorable Patrick Higginbotham of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Representative Matters

Capabilities

Mergers and Acquisitions
Capital Markets
Consumer Products and Retail
Energy and Infrastructure
Family Office
Finance
Investment Funds
Oil and Gas
Power and Renewables
Private Equity
Robotics
Securities Regulation and Corporate Governance

Credentials

Education

University of Texas - 1998 Juris Doctor
Baylor University - 1995 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

Texas Bar

Clerkships

US Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit, Hon. Patrick E. Higginbotham, 1998 - 1999

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- Counsel to AT&T in the acquisition of Lumen's consumer fiber business for $5.75 billion, in the sale of its interest in DIRECTV for $7.6 billion, in its joint venture with BlackRock and CPPIB to form Forged Fiber, a fiber network developer and wholesaler, and in its joint venture with BlackRock to form Gigapower, a wholesale fiber provider
- Counsel to CenterOak Partners LLC, a private equity sponsor, in its acquisitions and divestitures of numerous businesses, including Cascade Windows, Wetzels Pretzels, Aakash Chemicals, Full-Speed Automotive, TruRoad, Turf Masters, Entomo Brands, Village Green, SurfacePrep, HK Solutions Group, Guardian Access, Hometown Services, CollisionRight, Service Champions, Shamrock Environmental and Solid Ground Solutions
- Counsel to SpaceX in its $1.25 trillion merger with xAI; $60 billion acquisition of Cursor; $19 billion acquisition of spectrum from EchoStar; and acquisition of Akoustis Technologies
- Counsel to Arcosa, Inc. in its sale to CRH, a leading provider of building materials, for $8.5 billion; its acquisition of Cherry Industries, a provider of infrastructure-related products and solutions; and in the dispositions of its international storage tanks business, its steel components business and its barge business
- Counsel to Murata Electronics North America, Inc. in its acquisition of Resonant, Inc. in an all-cash tender offer to create a leading global provider of RF system solutions and filter products
- Counsel to Trive Capital, a private equity sponsor, in acquisitions for OWL Services, a provider of integrated solutions for petroleum convenience and electric vehicle markets
- Counsel to York Space Systems, an independent provider of small satellites, satellite components and mission operations, in its sale to AE Industrial Partners and in its acquisition of ATLAS Space Operations
- Counsel to Satori Capital, a private equity sponsor, in its investments in Automatic Fire Protection and Torani
- Counsel to Talen Energy in its joint venture with Pattern Energy for the $2 billion development, financing and construction of solar and wind energy projects
- Counsel to creditor groups in the bankruptcies of Envision Healthcare, West Marine, and Robertshaw in corporate and M&A matters
- Counsel to Keystone Group, a privately held investment firm, in multiple investments
- Counsel to Sunrise Oil & Gas on the sale of substantially all of its oil and gas assets to affiliates of Contango Oil & Gas, a subsidiary of Crescent Energy Company
- Counsel to Summit Midstream Partners in its Double E Pipeline Project joint venture to provide natural gas transportation service from the Delaware Basin to the Waha Hub in Texas
- Counsel to Callaway Golf Company in its strategic investment in Five Iron Golf
- Counsel to Sony Pictures Television Networks in its acquisition of a substantial majority stake in Japanese anime distributor Funimation Productions, Ltd.
- Counsel to Pizza Hut in its acquisition of ordering provider QuikOrder
- Counsel to Atmos Energy in its acquisition of a natural gas pipeline and related assets from EnLink Midstream and its disposition of its energy marketing subsidiary to CenterPoint Energy
- Counsel to Luminant Holdings in its acquisition of natural gas generation facilities from NextEra Energy for approximately $1.3 billion
- Counsel to Topgolf International, Inc. in its acquisitions of World Golf Tour, Inc. and Protracer AB, its investment in Full Swing Golf Holdings, Inc., and its sales of

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