



### Jenifer Renzenbrink Smith

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Jenifer Smith serves as outside corporate counsel to public and private companies, advising them on significant corporate transactions, including cross-border and domestic mergers and acquisitions, public offerings and private equity and venture capital financings.

Jenifer advises boards of directors and management teams in a wide range of industries over the life cycle of the business, with particular focus on strategic and corporate governance issues, as well as compliance with securities laws and SEC disclosure requirements.

Jenifer was recognized by The Deal in its **2020 Top Women in Dealmaking** list, a list that showcases 48 US women attorneys identified for making a significant difference in this world and shattering the glass ceiling in M&A transactions.

Jenifer is a member of the investment committee for the DLA Piper Venture Fund and is also Co-Hiring Partner for the Austin office.

## EXPERIENCE

- Represents buyers and sellers in all aspects of mergers, acquisitions and divestitures
- Advises companies and underwriters in connection with initial public offerings and follow-on offerings, shelf registrations and takedowns, PIPE transactions, registered direct offerings and public offerings involving both debt and equity securities and both primary and secondary components
- Represents venture capital funds and investment banks in their investment transactions
- Counsels boards of directors regarding corporate governance and fiduciary duty issues
- Works with companies in a wide range of industries, including software, gaming, food and beverage, consumer goods, life sciences, telecommunications, clean energy, manufacturing, transportation, retail and travel, among others

## CREDENTIALS

## RELATED SERVICES

- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Capital Markets
- Private Equity
- Public Company and Corporate Governance

## RELATED SECTORS

- Technology
- Life Sciences
- Financial Services
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Healthcare
- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail
- Hospitality and Leisure

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## Admissions

- Texas

## Education

- J.D., University of Texas School of Law  
with honors
- Master of Accounting, The Ohio State University
- B.S.B.A., Accounting and Management Information Systems, The Ohio State University  
*magna cum laude*, with honors

## CIVIC AND CHARITABLE

- Vice Chairman of the Board, Junior Achievement of Central Texas

## INSIGHTS

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### Events

### Previous

#### **DLA Piper talks technology: BetterBeta and beyond**

9 October 2020 | 2:00 - 2:30 EDT  
Webinar

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## NEWS

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#### **Jenifer Smith named to *The Deals* 2020 Top Women in Dealmaking list**

25 January 2021

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Jenifer Smith, a partner and co-chair of the firm's Emerging Growth and Venture Capital practice, has been named to *The Deals* 2020 Top Women in Dealmaking list.

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#### **DLA Piper advises RVshare in transaction with KKR**

23 October 2020

DLA Piper represented RVshare, the world's first and largest peer-to-peer RV rental marketplace, in a transaction with global investment firm KKR.

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#### **DLA Piper announces new US Corporate practice sub-group and regional leadership**

10 January 2020

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DLA Piper is pleased to announce several recent changes to the firm's US Corporate practice sub-group and regional leadership.

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### **Jenifer Renzenbrink Smith named to the *Texas Lawyer's* Texas Trailblazer list**

9 October 2019

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that Jenifer Renzenbrink Smith, an Austin-based corporate partner, has been named a 2019 Texas Trailblazer by Texas Lawyer.

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### **MEDIA MENTIONS**

- "Female Nepali Lawyers Get CLE," *Texas Lawyer*, May 1, 2017
- "DLA Piper names Matt Schwartz head of Venture Lending, chair of West Coast Finance practice," *DLA Piper Press Release*, April 27, 2017