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Phil Slinkard advises corporate officers, directors, and other decision-makers on opportunities and risks associated with various business opportunities, particularly mergers and acquisitions, contract and licensing negotiations, governance, and executive employment-related matters. Serving as outside general counsel to several small- to middle-market companies, Phil has helped his clients' businesses expand over the years, offering trusted advice and acting as a sounding board at every stage of a business' life cycle. To Phil, being a strategic advisor and trusted counsel is a commitment to learning the client's business and understanding their goals and objectives. It also means providing clients with insight, not just subject-matter expertise.

In addition to Phil's core business and corporate law practice, he also handles compliance and litigation strategy work. He works to ensure his clients meet their regulatory and statutory obligations, including those that arise out of securities law.

## **Honors and Distinctions**

- Chambers USA, 2021, 2023, Ranked in Texas: Austin & Surrounds for Corporate/M&A
- The Best Lawyers in America, 2006-2024, Listed for Corporate Law and Securities/Capital Markets Law
- The Best Lawyers in America, 2021, Named as Lawyer of the Year in Securities/Capital Markets Law
- Texas Super Lawyers, 2004-2010, 2014-2019, Listed for Business/Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions, and Securities & Corporate Finance

#### **Affiliations**

- Association for Corporate Growth, Austin-San Antonio Chapter
  - Board Member, 2019-present
  - Speakers Committee, 2015-2018

#### Areas of Experience

M&A and Private Equity Corporate Corporate Finance and Lending

#### Education

J.D., University of Texas School of Law, 1982, *Texas Law Review* 

B.B.A., University of Oklahoma, 1979

## Admissions

#### Bars

Texas

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- Rachel's Challenge, Chairman of the Board, 2013-present
- American Heart Association, Austin Area Division, Board of Directors, 2004-2008