



Financial Institutions

Preeminent Financial Institutions Practice

Bracewell has one of the preeminent financial institutions practices in the United States. We consistently play a leading role in mergers and acquisitions, capital markets transactions and other strategic matters in the financial services industry. Over the past 10 years, we have acted on more initial public offerings for Texas bank holding companies than any other law firm. We also rank at the top of league tables for the number and value of transactions in the Southwest.

Our work has not gone unnoticed. In 2020, Bracewell was recognized for its role in **Prosperity Bancshares'** \$2.1 acquisition of LegacyTexas Financial Group. The transaction, which is the second largest bank merger in Texas history, was named M&A Transaction of the Year --> at the Houston Outstanding Corporate Counsel Awards

Our capital markets team represents financial institutions in various debt and equity offerings, largely within the energy industry. In 2023, S&P Global ranked Bracewell:

- #20 – by number of M&A deals
- #13 – by M&A deal value
- #14 – underwriter's counsel by offering amount
- #10 – underwriter's counsel by number of deals
- #20 – issuer's counsel by offering amount
- #15 – issuer's counsel by number of deals

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Experience

We represent financial institutions on a broad range of transactions.

Allegiance Bancshares, Inc.

- in its proposed \$853 million merger with CommunityBank of Texas
- in its \$60 million public offering of subordinated debt securities
- in its \$353 million acquisition of Post Oak Bancshares, Inc.

Bank7 Corp

- as underwriters' counsel, in a public offering of \$29.6 million in common stock
- as underwriters' counsel, in a \$65 million initial public offering of common stock

Broadway Bank

- as underwriters' counsel, in a \$50 million offering of subordinated notes

Golden Bank, N.A.

- in the acquisition of Rowland Heights, California, branch of First Choice Bank

Pioneer Bancshares, Inc.

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- in the \$218 million sale to FirstSun Capital Bancorp, holding company of Sunflower Bank, N.A.

Prosperity Bancshares, Inc.

- in the \$2.1 billion acquisition of LegacyTexas Financial Group, Inc., which is the second largest bank merger in the history of Texas – M&A Transaction of the Year, 2020 Houston Corporate Counsel Awards
- in its \$229 million merger agreement with Lone Star Bancshares, Inc., the parent company of Lone Star State Bank of West Texas
- in its \$342 million merger agreement with First Bancshares of Texas, Inc., the parent company of FirstCapital Bank of Texas

Southwest Bancshares

- as underwriters' counsel, in a \$35 million offering of subordinated notes

Texan Bank

- in its \$67 million sale to Home Bancorp, Inc.

Texas Citizens Bancorp, Inc.

- in its \$53 million sale to Business First Bancshares, Inc.

Veritex Holdings, Inc.

- as underwriters' counsel, in a \$125 million offering of subordinated notes
- as underwriters' counsel, in a \$164 million offering of common stock

Woodforest Financial Group, Inc.

- in a \$125 million private placement of subordinated debt

Woodforest National Bank

- in the sale of its asset-based and equipment finance lending businesses, including a \$495 million loan portfolio, to Sterling National Bank

Recognition

Our practices and its lawyers consistent earn top rankings in *Chambers USA*, *IFLR1000* and *Legal 500 US*.

Chambers USA

- Texas Banking & Finance (Band 1)
- Texas Capital Markets: Debt & Equity

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- Texas Corporate/M&A

IFLR1000

- US Banking
- US M&A
- Texas Banking (Tier 1)
- Texas Capital Markets (Tier 1)
- Texas M&A

Legal 500 US

- Capital Markets Debt: Advice to Issuers
- Corporate

U.S. News – Best Lawyers

- National Banking & Finance Law (Tier 1)
- National Corporate Law (Tier 1)
- National Securities/Capital Markets Law (Tier 1)
- Houston Banking and Finance Law (Tier 1)
- Houston Corporate Law (Tier 1)
- Houston Securities/Capital Markets Law (Tier 1)