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About Will

Will Anderson, co-chair of the firm's corporate and securities practice, chair of the firm's financial institutions group and a member of the firm's management committee, focuses on capital markets transactions, mergers and acquisitions and SEC compliance and disclosure matters.

Will is consistently recognized as a national leader in capital markets offerings and large-deal M&A transactions by The Legal 500 United States. Will's capital markets practice includes initial public offerings, follow on equity offerings and high-yield and investment-grade debt offerings. Will has advised issuers and underwriters in more than 100 securities offerings that have collectively raised more than $50 billion. His M&A practice encompasses all types of transactions, including acquisitions and sales of public and private companies, private equity investments and joint ventures. Will also has significant experience representing conflicts committees, MLPs and sponsors in MLP buy-ins, drop-downs and other related-party transactions, and investment banking firms in fairness opinions rendered to special committees.

Will is a certified public accountant and practiced law for nine years with Sullivan & Cromwell prior to joining Bracewell.

Recent Notable Matters

**Phillips 66** — multiple offerings of senior notes totaling over $10 billion

**DCP Midstream, LLC** — an IDR simplification transaction that eliminated all incentive distribution rights in DCP Midstream, LP valued at $1.53 billion

**Prosperity Bancshares, Inc.** — $2.1 billion acquisition of LegacyTexas Financial Group, Inc.


**PreCheck, Inc.** — sale of PreCheck, Inc., the healthcare industry’s leading provider of background screening, compliance monitoring and credentialing solutions, to Cisive

**Bluescape Resources Company LLC** — investment by BRC Special Situations III LLC, a subsidiary of Bluescape Resources Company LLC, in the mandatory convertible preferred equity issued by FirstEnergy Corp. in a $2.5 billion issuance

**Merchants Choice Payment Solutions** — represented Delta Card Services Inc., the holding company for Merchants Choice Payment Solutions, in the sale of substantially all of the assets of MCPS to Paysafe Group plc for $470 Million

**Drilling Tools International, Inc.** — multiple acquisitions, including acquisitions of RIK Incorporated, a downhole drilling tool rental company, and the drill pipe rental division of Premium Oilfield Services LLC. DTI is majority-owned by Hicks Equity Partners, the private equity arm for Hicks Holdings LLC, a holding company for the Thomas O. Hicks family’s assets

**Phillips 66** — exchange of Phillips Specialty Products Inc. to Berkshire Hathaway Inc. for shares of
Phillips 66 stock held by Berkshire Hathaway affiliates valued at approximately $1.4 billion

**DCP Midstream, LLC** — a transaction combining all of the assets and debt of DCP Midstream, LLC with DCP Midstream, LP. The combination created the largest gathering and processing master limited partnership in the United States with a pro-forma enterprise value of approximately $11 billion.

**Great Plains Energy Incorporated** — revised stock-for-stock merger of equals transaction with Westar Energy, Inc., creating a company with a combined equity value of approximately $14 billion, and with nearly 13,000 MW of generation capacity and more than 51,000 miles of distribution lines.

**Woodforest National Bank** — sale of its asset-based and equipment finance lending businesses, including $495 million loan portfolio, to Sterling National Bank.

**Holly Energy Partners, L.P.** — an IDR simplification transaction that eliminated the incentive distribution rights held by its general partner and converted its general partner interest into a non-economic general partner interest in exchange for the issuance of common units of Holly Energy Partners valued at $1.25 billion.

**Western Refining Logistics, LP** — represented the Conflicts Committee of the Board of Directors of the general partner of Western Refining Logistics, LP in its merger with Andeavor Logistics LP in a unit-for-unit transaction valued at $1.8 billion.

**VTTI Energy Partners LP** — represented the Conflicts Committee of the Board of Directors of the general partner of VTTI Energy Partners LP in a merger agreement between VTTI Energy Partners LP and VTTI B.V. pursuant to which VTTI B.V. acquired, for cash, all of the outstanding publicly held common units of VTTI Energy Partners LP.

**Midcoast Energy Partners, L.P.** — represented the Conflicts Committee of the Board of Directors of the general partner of Midcoast Energy Partners, L.P. in a merger agreement between MEP and Enbridge Energy Company, Inc., an indirect subsidiary of Enbridge Inc., whereby EECI acquired, for cash, all of the outstanding publicly held common units of MEP.

**ConocoPhillips** — spin-off of its downstream business, Phillips 66, in a transaction valued at $26 billion.

**ConocoPhillips** — multiple offerings of senior notes totaling $10.5 billion.

**Placement Agents’ Counsel for Veritex Holdings, Inc.** — $75 million offering of subordinated notes.

**Underwriters’ Counsel for Bank7 Corp.** — $64.6 million initial public offering of common stock.

**Underwriters’ Counsel for Green Bancorp, Inc.** — multiple public offerings by selling shareholders of common stock totaling $105 million and $70 million initial public offering of common stock.

**Underwriters’ Counsel for Spirit of Texas Bancshares, Inc.** — $48.3 million initial public offering of common stock.

**Allegiance Bancshares Inc.** — $60 million initial public offering of common stock.

**Veritex Holdings, Inc.** — $40.4 million initial public offering of common stock.

**Underwriters’ Counsel for Independent Bank Group, Inc.** — multiple public offerings of subordinated notes totaling $105 million.

**Education**

South Texas College of Law Houston, J.D.
1994 – summa cum laude

Stephen F. Austin State University, B.B.A., Accounting
1986

**Certifications**
Certified Public Accountant, Texas

**Noteworthy**


**Affiliations**

Tri-Cities Chapter of the National Association of Corporate Directors, Houston Advisory Board Member
Texas General Counsel Forum, Houston Board Member

**Bar Admissions**

Texas
California
New York