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PRACTICE FOCUS

Corporate & Tax
Mergers & Acquisitions
Securities & Corporate Governance
General Corporate Advice
Joint Ventures & Partnerships
Venture Capital & Private Equity

EDUCATION

Wake Forest University, B.A., 1979, *magna cum laude*; Phi Beta Kappa

Duke University School of Law, J.D., 1982, with Distinction, Order of the Coif

BAR ADMISSIONS

American Bar Association

- Federal Regulation of Securities Committee
- Private Equity and Venture Capital Committee

The Florida Bar

Dave Felman has practiced banking, corporate, and securities law in Tampa and New York City. While with Simpson Thacher & Bartlett in New York, his practice focused on acquisitions and public and private securities offerings, including representation of a major leveraged buy-out firm and several major underwriting firms. Dave's practice principally involves mergers and acquisitions, securities offerings, venture capital investments, and representation of public and emerging growth companies. He acts as counsel to a number of institutional growth equity and private equity investors, including Lovett Miller & Co., Ballast Point Venture Partners, HealthEdge Investment Partners, Supply Chain Equity Partners, Topmark Partners, and Vinik Family Office.

Dave is recognized as a top-tier merger and acquisitions lawyer, acting on both the buy-side and the sell-side, and for both strategic and private equity clients. He is one of a handful of Florida-based lawyers with the highest "Band #1" rating in mergers and acquisitions from Chambers and Partners. Chambers quoted: "He is very knowledgeable, very detail-oriented and brings a business-proactive approach." "He is client-focused and definitely a client advocate." He often collaborates on deals with major investment banking firms, including recently Raymond James, William Blair, and Robert W. Baird.

Dave is a founder and the principal organizer of The Florida Directors' Institute, an annual full-day program on corporate governance for public company directors. He is a past chair and on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the Florida Venture Forum. He has chaired The Florida Bar's Business Law Section, its Corporations

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- Business Law Section
 - Former Chair
 - Executive Council Member

and Securities Law Committee, and committees responsible for drafting laws governing Florida corporations and guidelines for legal opinions. He continues to serve on the Executive Council of the Business Law Section. He serves as a faculty member of the annual Federal Securities Institute, a two-day program in Miami, and has spoken at seminars throughout the United States regarding securities offerings, private equity capital raising transactions, and mergers and acquisitions deals.

Dave and his wife Judy have three sons, Matt, Jake and Daniel. He enjoys cycling, fishing, and playing chess.

HONORS

- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyer, Corporate and Mergers and Acquisitions (Band #1 ranking) (2003-2021)
- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyer, Private Equity (Band #1 ranking)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® (1997-2022)
 - 2018 Tampa Banking and Finance Lawyer of the Year
 - 2016 Tampa Mergers and Acquisitions Lawyer of the Year
 - 2015 Tampa Banking and Finance Law Lawyer of the Year
 - 2014 Tampa Leveraged Buyouts & Private Equity Lawyer of the Year
 - 2012 Tampa Banking and Finance Lawyer of the Year
 - Corporate law
 - Venture Capital law
 - Leveraged Buyouts and Private equity law
 - Mergers & Acquisitions law
 - Private Funds law
- AV Preeminent® Rating, Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review
- Florida Super Lawyers (2006-2021)
- Florida Trend's Legal Elite (2004, 2008-2010, 2012, 2018-2020)

EXPERIENCE

Recent deals include representing:

- Baldwin Risk Partners (Nasdaq: BRP) in numerous strategic add-on acquisitions

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- Maverick Boat Group in its acquisition by Malibu Boats, Inc. (Nasdaq: MBUU)
- Apex Service Partners, a portfolio company of Alpine Investors, in numerous strategic add-on acquisitions
- Gulfeagle Supply, Inc. in several strategic add-on acquisitions
- American Metals Supply in its sale to MSouth Equity Partners, LLC
- HealthEdge Investment Partners in the sale of its stake in Formulated Solutions, LLC to Linden Capital Partners
- Chris Craft in its sale to Winnebago Industries, Inc. (NYSE: WGO)
- Superior Group of Companies, Inc. (NASDAQ: SGC) in its acquisition of CID Resources, Inc. and other acquisitions
- PowerDMS in the significant equity investment made by Frontier Capital
- Symmetry Office, LLC in its sale to Exemplis LLC
- Snavelly Forest Products in its sale to Weekes Forest Products
- Global Software in its acquisition by Thompson Street Capital Partners
- Florida Foods in its acquisition by Kainos Capital
- SRI/Surgical Express (Nasdaq: STRC) in its acquisition by Synergy Health
- Technology Research Corporation (Nasdaq: TRCI) in its acquisition by Coleman Cable, Inc. (Nasdaq: CCIX)
- Dispensing Solutions, Inc., a HealthEdge portfolio company, in its purchase by PSS World Medical, Inc. (Nasdaq: PSSI)
- Aerosonic Corporation (NYSE MKT: AIM) in its acquisition by Transdigm Group Incorporated (NYSE: TDG)

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

- Florida Venture Forum
 - Board of Directors
 - Chairman (2013-2014)
 - Executive Committee
- Florida Directors Institute
 - Founder
 - Principal organizer
- Florida Bar Business Law Section
 - Section Chair (2000-2001)

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- Chair, Corporations and Securities Law Committee (1992-1994)
- Chair, Opinions Committee (1998-2000)
- Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church

NEWS & INSIGHTS

Seventy Six Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Cited in The Best Lawyers in America 2022 Publication
Firm News, 8.19.21

58 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in 2021 Florida Super Lawyers Listing
Firm News, 6.23.21

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive 2021 Chambers Recognition
Firm News, 5.20.21

67 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Cited in The Best Lawyers in America 2021 Publication
Firm News, 8.20.20

Florida Trend Names Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys to Hall of Fame, Legal Elite, and Up & Comers
Firm News, 6.22.20

Fifty Nine Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized in 2020 Florida Super Lawyers Listing
Firm News, 6.5.20

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive Chambers USA 2020 Recognition
Firm News, 4.23.20

Florida Trend Names Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys to Hall of Fame, Legal Elite, and Up & Comers
Firm News, 6.24.19

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys and Practices Receive Chambers USA 2019 Recognition
Firm News, 4.25.19

2019 Best Lawyers Cites 46 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names Six "Lawyer of the Year"
Firm News, 8.16.18

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Florida Trend Names Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys To Hall Of Fame,
Legal Elite, And Up & Comers
Firm News, 7.2.18

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named 2018 Florida Super Lawyers
Firm News, 6.25.18

Hill Ward Henderson Recognized By Chambers And Partners 2018
5.8.18

2018 Best Lawyers Cites 44 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names
Five "Lawyer Of The Year"
Firm News, 8.15.17

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named 2017 Florida Super Lawyers
Firm News, 6.8.17

Hill Ward Henderson Recognized By Chambers And Partners 2017
Firm News, 5.26.17

Three Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Recognized In Tampa
Magazine's 2017 Top Lawyers
Firm News, 4.20.17

2017 Best Lawyers Cites 44 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names
Two "Lawyers Of The Year"
Firm News, 8.15.16

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named 2016 Florida Super Lawyers
Firm News, 6.15.16

Hill Ward Henderson Cited By Chambers USA
Firm News, 6.13.16

2016 Best Lawyers Cites 40 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names
Five "Lawyer of the Year"
Firm News, 8.17.15

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named 2015 Florida Super Lawyers
Firm News, 6.11.15

Hill Ward Henderson Cited by Chambers USA (2015)
Firm News, 5.19.15

2014 Best Lawyers Cites 42 Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys & Names
Three "Lawyer Of The Year"
Firm News, 8.30.13

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Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named To The 2013 Best Lawyers
Business Edition
Firm News, 7.15.13

Hill Ward Henderson Cited By Chambers USA (2013)
Firm News, 6.14.13

Dave Felman Elected 2013 Board Chair For The Florida Venture Forum
Firm News, 1.25.13

Hill Ward Henderson Shareholder Leads Presentation At 8th Annual
Southeastern M&A And Private Equity Conference
Firm News, 11.7.12

Best Lawyers In America
Firm News, 7.31.12

Florida Trend Names HWH Attorneys To Hall Of Fame, Legal Elite And
Up & Comers
Firm News, 7.6.12

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named To The 2012 Super Lawyers
Business Edition
Firm News, 3.28.12

Hill Ward Henderson Attorneys Named 2012 Florida Super Lawyers
And Rising Stars
Firm News, 3.20.12

Hill Ward Henderson Shareholder Felman Elected As Vice Chair Of
Florida Venture Forum
Firm News, 2.15.12

ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS

- "Developments in Private Equity and Venture Capital Deals." 2017 Federal Securities Institute, Miami, FL.
- "View From the Private Equity Funds." 2016 Southeastern Private Equity & M&A Forum, Atlanta, GA.
- "Using Representatives and Warranties Insurance to Gain a Strategic Advantage." 2016 Federal Securities Institute, Miami, FL.
- "Developments in Private Equity Transactions." 2015 Federal Securities Institute, Miami, FL.
- Strategic Investors/ Acquirers Panel, 2014 Florida Venture Forum, Orlando, FL.
- "Developments in Private Equity M&A Transactions." 2014 Federal Securities Institute, Miami, FL.

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- "Private Equity Roundtable," 2013 Southeastern M&A/ Private Equity Forum, Atlanta, GA.
- "Break-ups, Bear-hugs, and Go-shops; Responding to a Hostile Approach and Selling a Public Company." 2012 Southeastern Private Equity and M&A Forum.
- "Break-ups, Bear-hugs, and Go-shops; Responding to a Hostile Approach and Selling a Public Company." 2012 NACD National Leadership Conference, National Harbor, MD.
- "Fads in Venture Capital Term Sheets." 2012 Florida Venture Forum, Naples, FL.

NOTEWORTHY

Chambers USA ranks the leading lawyers and law firms across the USA. Legal rankings are based on in-depth market analysis and independent research, conducted by an experienced team of researchers. Individual lawyers are ranked in their practice area(s) based on legal knowledge and experience, ability, effectiveness and client service.

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"He is very client-focused and definitely a client advocate. He is super smart and good at building relationships with clients." Client quote, *Chambers USA 2021*