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PRACTICE FOCUS

Mergers & Acquisitions
Venture Capital & Private Equity
General Corporate Advice
Joint Ventures & Partnerships
Corporate & Transactional

EDUCATION

Alabama State University, B.S.,
summa cum laude, 2004
Thurgood Marshall School of Law – Texas Southern University, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2008

- Valedictorian
- Lead Articles Editor, Thurgood Marshall Law Review

BAR ADMISSIONS

The Florida Bar
State Bar of Texas
Hillsborough County Bar Association
Houston Bar Association

Rikiya Thomas concentrates her practice on corporate legal matters, including mergers and acquisitions, SEC compliance, corporate governance, securities offerings and private equity transactions.

With almost 15 years of experience, Riki has represented public companies, private equity funds and privately-held companies in the energy, healthcare, technology and manufacturing industries. She also serves as outside general counsel to a number of small and mid-size company clients. Additionally, Riki advises clients on premerger regulatory matters and filings pursuant to the Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) Act for certain subject transactions.

Prior to joining the firm, Riki was a Partner at a large, full-service law firm and an attorney at several AM Law 100 law firms in Houston, Texas.

Outside of the office, Riki enjoys spending time with family and friends, exploring local eateries and shops, traveling, volunteering in the community, and supporting Alabama State University athletics and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Riki is a native of Sarasota, Florida.

HONORS

- Texas Super Lawyers Rising Stars (2018)

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

- Leadership Houston

RIKIYA N. THOMAS

- Board of Directors
- Development Committee Chair
- Board Secretary
- Class XXXVI Fellow
- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Legal Council on Legal Diversity, Fellow
- The Forge for Families, Inc., Tutor/Mentor
- Alabama State University Houston Metro Alumni Chapter, Vice President
- 50 Under 50 Class of 2022 ASU Alumni Award, Recipient
- Boys and Girls Club of Sarasota County, Florida Alumnus of the Year (2017)

NEWS & INSIGHTS

Hill Ward Henderson Expands Corporate Team with the Addition of Rikiya N. "Riki" Thomas
Firm News, 3.6.23

ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS

2022: Harris County Attorney's Office, Summer Legal Program
"Corporations," (Speaker)

2021: Houston Bar Association, Summer Associate Diversity, "Diversity in the Legal Profession," (Speaker)

2019: Amegy Bank, "Business Entities," (Panelist)

2018: Corporate Counsel Women of Color Conference, "2018 Trends in Social Media: How to Manage Risks to Your Corporation," (Speaker)