

Richard "Rick" J. Ressler

Managing Partner, Austin Office

Overview

Richard "Rick" Ressler has dedicated his 30+ year legal career to developing his general counsel corporate and securities legal practice and providing excellent service to his clients and community. Rick offers clients a deeply educated, reasoned perspective and wide-ranging experience, having represented companies large and small, publicly traded and privately held. He has experience across industry sectors including consumer products, technology, transportation, and business accelerators.

Specifically, Rick is a Founder of SKU Consumer Products Accelerator, and actively counseling CPG companies for growth and investment. Rick has held positions at law firms, in-house, and as outsourced general counsel. He has served as attorney and corporate officer, including for Union Pacific's technology incubator. Rick believes singular legal advice is not enough. Rather, his advice and services are structured to support his clients' short-term goals and long-term success.

In 2006, Rick joined a respected entrepreneurial law firm in Austin to focus his practice on full-service entrepreneurial law. Since then, he has served as counsel and trusted advisor for hundreds of innovators, executives, investors, and their businesses, helping them launch, grow, and transition their companies. Through this practice, he has sought to provide reputable, proven legal and business resources and expertise, as well as deliver experienced legal counsel.

Today, Rick's practice includes counseling clients on transactional matters such as corporate formation and governance, financing, securities, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, contracts, and tax issues, and also encompasses other areas of law pertinent to founders and investors. Rick also has significant experience advising clients on labor and employment issues including stock and benefit plans, intellectual property strategy and licensing, and real estate matters.

Rick has represented clients in more than 100 public offerings and private placements, including underwriters, issuing companies, and investors. Rick also has considerable experience in venture capital and other start-up investments, bank and other loan



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financ-ings, structured financing, sophisticated leasing arrangements, and acquisitions and divestures. He has guided joint venture and financing transactions involving entities across the globe as well as financings for the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank.

Earlier in his career, Rick served as Vice President and Corporate Counsel to Centex Corporation. He also served a concurrent role as General Counsel to Centex Title and Ancillary Services, a Centex subsidiary. Previously he was Assistant General Counsel to Union Pacific and Vice President and General Counsel to FENIX, a Union Pacific Corporation subsidiary. For nine years, Rick also worked in private practice for two well-respected international law firms.

Honors & Recognitions

- “Texas Super Lawyers” list in the area of Corporate Law, *Super Lawyers Magazine*
- AV-rating from Martindale-Hubbell
- Texas Bar Foundation Fellow

Professional Activities

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, Austin Bar Association
- Member, Central Texas Angel Network

Education

- Harvard Law School, Juris Doctor (J.D.)
- Princeton University, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Admissions

- New York
- Pennsylvania
- Texas

Community Involvement

- Legacy Circle, Lifeworks

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