

Public Companies & Capital Markets

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For lawyers in Fredrikson's Public Companies and Capital Markets group, our client's business objectives matter. In an increasingly complex regulatory environment, we take the time to understand the impacts on our clients' businesses and we provide practical solutions that center on the client. We know that the right answer for a client is not always complicated or expensive.

Additionally, as our publicly traded clients access the public and private markets to raise capital, we leverage our experience across a wide range of industries and transaction sizes to prioritize what matters most to our clients, whether that be cost, timelines, or specific practical concerns. We also work with clients on the other side of capital markets transactions—for example, as underwriters or placement agents—and we bring the same client-centered relationship focus to these transactions.

While our relationships are individually tailored to the clients' needs, our services include:

Public Company Services

- Public company reporting compliance (for both SEC and exchange requirements)
- Executive compensation and benefits
- Environmental, social and governance (ESG) advice
- Beneficial ownership reporting compliance
- Board and management advice
- Shareholder and investor relations management

Capital Markets Transactions

- Public offerings of debt and equity (on both company and underwriter side)
- Private placements of debt and equity (on both company and placement agent side)
- Tender offers and going private transactions
- Evaluations of financing alternatives and strategic advice

Experience

Our client base includes established businesses and growth companies in a wide range of industries such as life sciences, manufacturing, distribution, and retail. We provide a range of services to our clients, including:

- Serving as outside general counsel to public companies, including managing SEC reporting obligations and exchange listing requirements, advising on environmental, social and governance (ESG) concerns, coordinating executive compensation and benefit plans, and providing general corporate governance advice.
- Responding to specific compliance needs, including updating corporate disclosure policies to address new SEC and exchange rules, reviewing proposed public disclosures for compliance with requirements, and responding to SEC requests.
- Coordinating with boards of directors and management to provide training on fiduciary duties obligations in connection with sale processes, compliance with corporate codes of ethics, and prohibitions on insider trading, among other compliance-related topics.
- Representing companies and underwriters in initial public offerings and follow-on offerings.
- Representing companies and placement agents in private placements.

Our clients include public companies, private companies seeking to access the public markets, boards of directors and special committees, shareholders, and underwriters and placement agents.