

Rick Jordan

VENTURE CAPITAL & EMERGING GROWTH COMPANIES CO-CHAIR

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Rick Jordan is a trusted advisor who delivers prompt business-oriented advice to his national client base.

Rick advises private equity, growth equity, venture capital, and other investment funds, as well as companies focused on an array of industries. Rick's full-service team supports clients focused on biotech/life sciences, consumer goods, innovative technology, AI, Web3, fintech, healthcare, real estate, industrial products, energy, manufacturing, construction and hospitality. Rick serves as Co-Chair of Polsinelli's Venture Capital practice.

Rick's experience covers a broad spectrum of corporate and governance matters. On the transactional side, Rick and his team regularly handle early- and late-stage equity financings (representing investors and issuers), sponsor-led minority investments and control acquisitions/dispositions.

In addition to managing day-to-day governance, commercial, employment, intellectual property, tax and other work, Rick's team also handles other complex matters, such as bolt-on acquisitions, corporate venture investments, joint ventures, restructurings and licensing deals. The team also structures innovative liquidity solutions for equity holders in later-stage growth companies.

Rick regularly serves both public and private companies and acts as outside general counsel for several prominent businesses.

Rick's clients include:

- Private equity, growth equity, venture capital and other investment funds
- Family offices and independent sponsors
- Public and private companies (including portfolio companies)
- Boards of directors and board committees
- C-Suite management teams
- Investors (angel and later stage)
- High-growth potential businesses and entrepreneurs

Capabilities

- Venture Capital & Emerging Growth Companies
- Private Equity - Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Joint Ventures & Strategic Alliances
- Corporate Governance
- Life Sciences
- Consumer Products & Luxury Goods

Related Capabilities

- Resort & Hospitality
- Technology
- Family Office
- Space Technology

A long-time Dallas native, Rick has a strong interest in supporting healthy/active lifestyle pursuits. He co-founded and is active in DFW CPG, a community for consumer products enthusiasts. Rick recently relocated his family to Park City, Utah where, among other things, he supports U.S. Ski & Snowboard and serves as a founding member on its NextGen Leadership Board.

Education

- Texas A&M University (B.S.)
- Southern Methodist University Perkins School of Theology (M.T.S.)
- Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law (J.D.)

Bar Admissions

- Texas
- Utah

Memberships

- State Bar of Texas
 - Business Law Section
 - Emerging Business/Venture Capital Committee Chair, 2015-2022
 - Member, Leadership Council, 2018-Present
 - Treasurer and Secretary, 2014-2015
 - Contracts Committee Co-Chair, 2014-2015
- Dallas Bar Association
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers
- Texas Venture Capital Association
- Texas Business Law Foundation
 - Secretary-Treasurer, 2016-2018

Recognition

- Ranked in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Startups & Emerging Companies, Nationwide, 2025
- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*® for Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2022-2026
- Selected by *The American Lawyer* as a South Trailblazer, 2022
- Named a "Legal Innovator" by *Texas Lawyer Magazine*, 2020
- Named "Texas Rising Star" by *Super Lawyers* for Mergers & Acquisitions, 2013-2020
- Named "2019 Rising Star" by *D Magazine*, 2019
- Named "Who's Who in Impact Investing", Rocky Mountain Impact Investing, 2018
- Selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers Under 40 by *D Magazine*, 2018-2019
- Selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers in Dallas by *D Magazine* for:
 - Corporate Law: Private Equity, 2017, 2021
 - Corporate Law: Mergers & Acquisitions, 2018
 - Corporate Securities/Capital Markets, 2012-2014

Publications

Polsinelli Life Sciences Spotlight - Volume 3 - Turning Insight into Action: A Life Sciences Playbook for 2026

September 11, 2025

Polsinelli Life Sciences Spotlight - Volume 2 - Adapting by Design: Navigating Complex Times in Life Sciences

May 15, 2025

Trump Administration Announces New Executive Order to Promote Domestic Production of Biopharmaceuticals

January 8, 2025

Polsinelli Life Sciences Spotlight - Volume 1 - Looking Back, Moving Forward: A Year in Life Sciences