

# **Frank Ballantine Joins Dykema's Corporate Finance Practice Group in Chicago Office**

Frank D. Ballantine has joined Dykema in its Corporate Finance Practice Group as a member in the Chicago office.

Ballantine joins Dykema from Clark Hill PLC's Chicago office.

In his corporate finance practice, Ballantine serves as an advisor and counselor to senior management, boards of directors, and investors in public and private companies across a range of industries, such as information technology, food, life sciences, business services, manufacturers, distributors and lenders, the firm said in a release.

Ballantine is outside general counsel and strategic advisor to numerous businesses. He also serves as lead transaction counsel for investors and management in venture and private equity investments, mergers and acquisitions, and debt financings. Ballantine also works in joint ventures, marketing alliances and licensing. He has served or is serving ex officio on the Boards of 26 clients, as well as the advisory boards of two venture funds.

Ballantine earned a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School, after which he clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He worked toward an MFA in Film from the Columbia University Graduate School of Fine Arts, which he left to become an industrial film producer. Frank received his B.A. in English, with honors, from Haverford College. He has been recognized by Chambers USA, Best Lawyers and an Illinois Super Lawyer.

