

# Veteran M&A Attorneys Lidji & Hooper Join Jackson Walker

Jackson Walker is pleased to announce the addition of Brian M. Lidji and Kyle C. Hooper as partners in the Dallas office. Brian and Kyle are widely recognized as two of the leading mergers and acquisitions attorneys in Texas and throughout the Southwest, and they bring their experience closing billions of dollars of transactions to the Firm's Chambers-ranked Corporate & Securities practice.

"Clients and other lawyers know that Brian Lidji and Kyle Hooper are two of the best M&A attorneys in the state," Firmwide Managing Partner C. Wade Cooper said. "They are a great fit for Jackson Walker and we are thrilled to welcome them."

Alden S. Crow, chair of Jackson Walker's Corporate & Securities practice, added, "Brian and Kyle are the epitome of the attorney we want as part of our practice. They use their immense experience and insight to add value to their clients' businesses at every stage of their development."

## Meet Brian

Brian Lidji has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, business law, contract negotiations, and a wide variety of business transactions for emerging and middle-market companies. He has earned significant praise for his ability to find insightful, practical solutions for his prestigious business clients.

Brian has represented clients in transactions ranked by Texas Lawyer on their annual top 10 deals list, including representing Hunt Petroleum Corporation in its multibillion-dollar sale to XTO Energy, and working with Kyle to represent Hotels.com in its merger with InterActive Corp. Brian also

represents Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits as well as Glazer's Beer & Beverage. He advised Briggs Freeman Sotheby's International Real Estate on its recently announced joint venture with Peerage Capital.

"After having my own firms for almost 30 years, the time is right to join Jackson Walker," Brian said. "We know the team very well, and we know that Jackson Walker is the full-service firm we were looking for to help us serve our clients in the years to come."

In addition to being regularly selected to D Magazine Best Lawyers in Dallas for his work in corporate mergers and acquisitions, he also has been repeatedly named to Texas Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters and Texas Monthly.

Outside of his practice, Brian has served on the Executive Board of the SMU Dedman School of Law since 1995. He has been a director of the Texas Business Law Foundation and a director and officer of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas. He is a recipient of the Anti-Defamation League's Schoenbrun Award, presented to a legal professional committed to fair and equal justice for all.

Brian earned his B.A. in philosophy, with honors, from Hofstra University and his J.D., cum laude, from SMU Dedman School of Law, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the SMU Law Review.

#### Meet Kyle

Kyle Hooper represents clients in mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures, and he also provides guidance on corporate, partnership, and individual taxation issues at both the federal and state levels. Kyle's general corporate practice includes counseling companies on issues relating to business structuring, corporate governance, contracts, and financings. Additionally, Kyle assists clients in the formation and growth of alternative business entities such as limited partnerships, limited liability companies, and S-corporations.

On the decision to join Jackson Walker, Kyle said, “Brian and I have been fortunate to have amazing, loyal clients. Jackson Walker’s deep experience in areas such as energy, real estate, employment, and tax and wealth planning will enable us to expand our service to our clients.”

Kyle has been recognized as a “Rising Star” in Thomson Reuters’ Super Lawyers – Rising Stars and was recently recognized as a 2021 Texas Super Lawyer by Thomson Reuters and Texas Monthly.

Outside of his practice, he has been active in the American Bar Association, Dallas Bar Association, State Bar of Texas, and the Texas Business Law Foundation.

Kyle received his B.B.A. in Accounting and a Masters of Taxation from Baylor University and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant. He earned his J.D., magna cum laude, from Baylor School of Law, where he also served as Editor-in-Chief of the Baylor Law Review.

#### Meet JW

Founded more than 130 years ago, Jackson Walker helps businesses of all sizes navigate the increasingly complex legal landscape. With more than 400 attorneys across seven offices, the Firm represents Fortune 500 companies, multinational corporations, major financial institutions, insurance companies, and a wide range of public companies and private businesses around the globe. The Firm is ranked nationally in 27 practice areas in the U.S. News’ “Best Law Firms” rankings, has 14 Chambers-ranked practices, and has been recognized as a BTI Client Service A-Team since 2014.