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Fred de Albuquerque is a Partner in the Firm's Mergers & Acquisitions Practice based in the Bay Area, where he represents financial sponsors and public and private companies in mergers and acquisitions, investments, divestitures, carve-outs, joint ventures, recapitalizations and other business transactions. He also regularly counsels clients in connection with general corporate governance and securities law matters.

Fred's representations span a wide range of sectors, including technology, financial services, healthcare, transportation and consumer products. His financial sponsor clients have included, among others, Centerbridge Partners, EQT, Genstar Capital, Hellman & Friedman, KSL Capital Partners, Silver Lake, Technology Crossover Ventures, True Wind Capital and their respective portfolio companies. Fred was recently recognized as a *Law360* "Rising Star" in Mergers and Acquisitions for 2025.

Fred's experience includes the representation of:

- EQT in multiple transactions, including its acquisitions of Parexel, First Student and First Transit, Storable, Cast & Crew, Certara, and Clinical Innovations and its sale of Clinical Innovations
- Hellman & Friedman in several transactions, including its investment in Sprinklr, its acquisition of Edelman Financial Services, its sales of CarProof and Sheridan Healthcare and Snap One's merger with Control4
- Silver Lake in numerous transactions, including its investments in Integrity Marketing Group, Oak View Group and Ancestry.com and its sale of Vantage Data Centers
- True Wind Capital in multiple transactions, including its investments in Transflo and Zix Corporation
- Technology Crossover Ventures in its acquisition of Oversight Systems

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- Centerbridge Partners in its acquisition of IBM's portfolio of marketing and advertising software products
- Cisco Systems in its announced \$28 billion acquisition of Splunk
- Airbnb in its \$1 billion investment by Silver Lake and Sixth Street Partners
- Certara in its acquisition of Pinnacle21
- Applied Systems in its acquisition of EZLynx
- KSL Capital Partners in the formation of Alterra Mountain Company and its acquisitions of Intrawest Resorts and Mammoth Resorts

Fred received his J.D., with honors, from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was a Victor McQuistion Scholar, and a B.A., with honors, from the University of Illinois.