



## **Featured Contributor of the Month: Q&A with Garrett DeVries**

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### **What is your main practice area?**

My practice primarily focuses on securities matters and M&A. With regard to securities, I advise issuers in their capital raising under federal and state securities law and in periodic reporting under the federal securities laws. I also advise them on corporate governance and listing issues among other general corporate matters. My public company clients have operated in a variety of industries, including oil and gas exploration and production, oilfield services, consumer products, construction, banking, aviation, transportation and hospitality. The M&A side of my practice generally focuses on strategic acquisitions or dispositions for the public companies that I represent.

### **What hot issues and trends are you currently seeing?**

Now that we are in proxy season, we continue to see increasing levels of shareholder activism and the increasing power and focus of proxy advisory firms. Clearly, the proxy process has become increasingly complex for large public companies and there is no end in sight for that trend.

### **Which blogs/websites do you read the most?**

Besides the Akin Gump blog, I read [Law360](#) and [TheCorporateCounsel.net](#).

### **What do you like to do in your free time?**

I have a passion for fine wine and great food and I am a regular contributor on [RobertParker.com](#). I also have two girls between the ages of 9 and 13, and I try to spend as

much time with them as I can. On occasion, I am a semi-serious runner, but my training is the first thing to go when I get busy.

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