

ABOUT THE EDITOR

Frank M. Placenti chairs the U.S. Corporate Governance Practice at Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP, where he practices from the firm's Phoenix, Arizona office.

Frank is no stranger to the boardroom and has more than 30 years' experience advising boards and management teams with respect to mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, securities law, anti-takeover, and shareholder relations issues.

Frank has assisted public companies, broker/dealers, and private equity firms and their portfolio companies with mergers and acquisitions, capital formation, securities and corporate law, regulatory compliance, anti-takeover matters, and shareholder engagement and activism. He has represented clients, special committees, and audit committees in managing internal investigations, as well as with U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and stock exchange investigatory matters.

Frank serves as the founding President and Trustee of the American College of Governance Counsel and as a Vice Chair of the Corporate Governance Committee of the American Bar Association. The 2013 International Global Law Experts Awards recognized him as the Corporate Governance Lawyer of the Year in Arizona.

Frank has been listed in Best Lawyers in America since 2006, Chambers USA since 2003, and is a multi-year member of the Lawdragon 500, an acknowledgment given to the top 500 lawyers in America. He has been recommended for corporate matters and mergers and acquisitions by the PLC *Which Lawyer Yearbook* since 2009 and is listed in the PLC *Cross-Border Mergers and Acquisitions Handbook*. Each year since 2007, Frank has been selected by his peers to appear in Southwest Super Lawyers, a distinction awarded to the top 5 percent of lawyers in the region.

Frank is a frequent speaker on governance and M&A topics at regional, national, and international conferences and has published extensively on those topics.

Frank's boardroom experience includes service as the lead director for a NASDAQ-listed healthcare company and as lead director for a private company based in Charlotte, North Carolina that serves the restaurant and hospitality industries. He currently serves as

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Frank lives in Paradise Valley, Arizona with his wife Tobi and their children, Michael and Isabella, and a growing menagerie that currently includes three dogs and a horse.