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Doug Buford heads the firm's Securities and Mergers and Acquisition practice area. He focuses primarily on securities law matters, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate governance. His practice includes representation of public and private, local and national corporations in various industries, including transportation and logistics, and banking and bank holdings.

Practice Areas

Mergers and Acquisitions
Bank Regulatory
Securities, Corporate Governance and Public Companies
Executive Compensation
Business and Corporate Law

Education

University of Arkansas School of Law
J.D., with honors - (1973)

University of Arkansas,
BSBA - (1970)

Bar Admissions

Arkansas

Experience

- Extensive experience providing legal advice to clients under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.
- Works with directors of public companies on governance matters.
- Company and underwriters' counsel to over 10 company IPOs.
- Counsel to a bank holding company in the acquisition of FDIC assisted bank transactions and market transactions growing the holding company to over $8 billion in assets.
- Represented two companies in three difference modified dutch auction tender offers.
- Represented a national logistics company in the issuance of over $800 million of debt offerings in the last two years.

Professional Recognition

- *Chambers USA:* Senior Statespeople Corporate/Commercial in Arkansas (2025, 2026)
- *Chambers USA*: Corporate/Commercial in Arkansas (2015, 2017-2024)
- *The Best Lawyers in America®:* Corporate Law (2006-2026)
- *The Best Lawyers in America®:* Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2007-2026)
- *The Best Lawyers in America®:* Securities / Capital Markets Law (2009-2026)
- *The Best Lawyers in America®:* Securities Regulation (2011-2026)
- *Best Lawyers®:* "Lawyer of the Year" for Securities / Capital Markets Law "Lawyer of the Year" (2015, 2018)
- *Best Lawyers®:* "Lawyer of the Year" for Securities Regulation Law (2014, 2017, 2019)

- *Best Lawyers®:* "Lawyer of the Year" for Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2013, 2021)
- Recognized in *Best Lawyers* since 2003
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*: Securities & Corporate Finance (2006-2007, 2013-2023)

Involvement

- Arkansas Bar Association
- Fifty for the Future
- Former Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Arkansas Arts of Center
- Former Member, Arkansas Arts Center Foundation Board of Trustees
- Former Chairman of the Board, Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Beta Alpha Psi; Gamma Beta Phi (President)
- Recipient, E.L. Cullum Award