

Headline News

Alan Bickerstaff Joins Andrews Kurth in Austin

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HOUSTON – Andrews Kurth announced today that Alan D. Bickerstaff has joined as a Partner in its Corporate / Securities section, resident in the Austin office and as a member of the Technology and Emerging Growth practice group.

Bickerstaff comes to the firm from Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where he represented venture capital firms, investment banks, and public and private technology and emerging growth companies on general corporate and transactional matters, including securities law reporting and compliance, formation and corporate governance issues, private equity and venture capital transactions, public offerings, and mergers and acquisitions.

Bickerstaff has advised clients in raising more than \$400 million in venture capital, helped execute more than \$2.4 billion worth of public offerings and Rule 144A transactions, and represented clients in mergers and acquisitions totaling more than \$2.6 billion in value.

“I am very excited to join the Andrews Kurth Technology and Emerging Growth practice,” Bickerstaff said. “Andrews Kurth is the premier Texas-based international law firm serving emerging and established technology companies and venture capitalists. I look forward to helping to continue to grow the practice.”

Andrews Kurth is consistently ranked among the top corporate law firms in the US for public and private securities offerings, mergers and acquisitions, venture capital, and fund formation representation. In 2006, Andrews Kurth served as counsel in mergers and acquisitions totaling more than \$25 billion and securities offerings totaling over \$15 billion. The firm’s attorneys have extensive experience in providing legal services to emerging and high-growth companies in many industries, including information technology, life sciences and retail, throughout the US and in their interests abroad.

“Alan’s extensive experience and reputation in the venture capital marketplace will further strengthen our market-leading Technology and Emerging Growth practice, as well as deepen our bench in the public offerings and M&A sectors,” said Carmelo Gordian, Partner.

Bickerstaff received his J.D. in 1996 from The University of Texas School of Law where he was Articles Editor and Co-editor-in-Chief of *The Texas Journal of Business Law*. He graduated with a B.B.A., *cum laude*, from the University of North Texas in 1993.

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