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John Adkins is a business lawyer who practices primarily in the areas of corporate, finance, real estate, and general business transactions.

John works with public and private companies and individuals on corporate and securities matters as well as those involving real estate, insurance, and administrative law. He represents businesses in the banking, real estate, construction materials, energy, technology, and food products industries, among others. He often works with entrepreneurs and established businesses on mergers and acquisitions, financing transactions, contracts, and corporate governance.

John previously served as senior vice president/general counsel of a Houston-based bank, a senior officer of a public company providing diversified financial services throughout the United States, and in private practice in Texas. While in law school, he was the managing editor of the *Texas Law Review*.

Outside The Firm

John is a long-time volunteer with the University of Texas at Austin alumni association, including service as the national president in 2005–2006. He currently is a member of the UT Development Board as well as several UT advisory boards, including the Plan II Honors Program, in which he majored for his bachelor of arts. John previously served as chairman of a state agency, the Texas Hospital Equipment Financing Agency.

Select Engagements

John has significant experience representing clients in commercial transactions

involving:

- **Corporate transactions:** representation of corporate clients in formation and planning, mergers and acquisitions, strategic alliances and joint ventures, termination of corporate status, and corporate finance matters.
- **Banking law:** representation of banks and other lenders clients in commercial and real estate loans, loan modifications,, regulatory matters, collections, and mergers with other financial institutions.
- **Real Estate law:** advice to private investors and business entrepreneurs in a variety of contracts; leasing, sales, and purchases of real estate; commercial development; dispute resolution; and investments.
- **General business transactions:** assistance to entrepreneurs and business enterprises in a wide range of projects, including financing transactions, service agreements, contracts, corporate restructuring projects, stock options, employment agreements, and corporate governance.

Admissions

- Texas

Memberships

- Houston Bar Association
- State Bar of Texas
- Texas Law Review Association

Education

- University of Texas, BA
- University of Texas School of Law, JD

Recognitions

2023–2025, Banking and Finance Law and Corporate Law in Houston, listed in *Best Lawyers in America*© (Woodward/White, Inc.)

Professional Activities

John and his wife Cynthia were recognized for their community and pro bono service by the Houston Texas Exes organization with a named Forty Acres Scholarship at the University of Texas at Austin.

John is an active member of the Houston Bar Association, and has chaired several HBA committees, including the Continuing Legal Education committee.