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Symposium: The Texas Business Court and the Future of Corporate Governance**February 6, 2025**

Texas A&M School of Law, 1515 Commerce St, Fort Worth, TX 76102

9:00 – 9:15	Welcome: Dean Robert Ahdieh, Texas A&M University School of Law
9:15 – 9:30	Introduction: David Woodcock, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
9:30 – 10:00	Keynote: Chief Justice James D. Blacklock, Supreme Court of Texas
10:10 – 11:00	What the Rising Competition to Delaware’s Prominence Will Mean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> William B. Chandler III, Former Chancellor, Delaware Chancery Court Troy Paredes, Former Commissioner, Securities and Exchange Commission Steven M. Haas, Partner, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP Lauren Elkerson, Chief Legal Officer, RGP, <i>Moderator</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 12:10	Shareholder Primacy v. Stakeholder Capitalism – Law and Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professor Robert Miller, University of Iowa College of Law Professor Elizabeth Pollman, Penn Carey Law, University of Pennsylvania Michael Arnold, Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP Professor William Magnuson, Texas A&M University School of Law Jonathan Berry, Boyden Gray PLLC, <i>Moderator</i>
12:15 – 1:15	Lunch and Fireside Chat: The New ESG Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terrence Keeley, Chairman, Impact Evaluation Lab, University of Oxford Nick Schulz, Exxon Mobil Corporation
1:30 – 2:20	Director Decision-Making in an Uncertain World <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erin Nealy Cox, Partner, Kirkland & Ellis LLP Erik Hotmire, Founder and CEO, Watermark Strategies Cecily S. Gooch, Managing Director, FTI Consulting, Inc. Professor Neal Newman, Texas A&M University School of Law, <i>Moderator</i>
2:30 – 3:15	The Texas Business Court: Opportunities and Risks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judge Grant Dorfman, Eleventh Division, Texas Business Court Justice April Farris, 15th Court of Appeals Justice James P. Sullivan, Supreme Court of Texas Trey Cox, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP <i>Moderator</i>
3:15 – 3:20	Break
3:20 – 3:55	Meet and Greet with Texas Business Court Judges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted by Judges Jerry Bullard and Brian Stagner, Eighth Division, Texas Business Court
3:55	Concluding Remarks: Dean Robert Ahdieh

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