

## Corporate & Securities

### **Public Companies**

Jones Walker represents more than half of the largest publicly traded companies based in the New Orleans metropolitan area, and we represent most of those companies as primary corporate and securities counsel. We also represent public companies headquartered elsewhere in Louisiana, in Texas, and in other states. Our attorneys handle public and private offerings of equity and debt securities, mergers and acquisitions, venture capital financing, takeover defense planning, corporate governance matters, proxy contests, executive compensation, general corporate matters, and compliance with the federal and state securities laws and the rules of the national securities exchanges and markets.

### **Private Companies and Private Equity**

Our corporate attorneys serve as general counsel to many private companies, providing advice in a variety of areas. We represent both majority and minority positions in shareholder disputes, and both buyers and sellers of privately held companies of all sizes. We regularly advise our clients regarding organizational options, we have structured countless business enterprises, and we have assisted many companies and investors in venture capital and mezzanine financings.

### **Industry Experience**

Our attorneys represent clients in a host of industries, including highly regulated industries. We serve as principal securities law counsel to a number of regional investment banking firms and have represented national investment banking firms in their securities underwriting activities. Our attorneys serve as principal corporate and securities counsel to companies in such diverse industries as telecommunications, retailing, banking, oil and gas exploration, development and production, oil field services, mining, shipbuilding, marine transportation, construction, chemical production, manufacturing, real estate development, pharmaceuticals, and death care. Several of our clients have international operations, and our attorneys have substantial international business law experience, including forming joint ventures and handling licensing arrangements.

## **Public Finance**

Our reputation for innovative strategies in the dynamic environment of public and project finance makes us a leader in the area. We represent clients in numerous public finance transactions and in state and local government tax-secured and revenue bond issues as bond counsel, underwriters' counsel, special real estate counsel and/or special counsel to the issuer. We are proficient in securing revenue bonds, tax exempt bond transactions, and related matters.

Our attorneys serve as bond counsel, underwriters' counsel, or special counsel for many transactions undertaken for the purpose of constructing, improving, refinancing, or equipping various public projects and facilities, including publicly owned infrastructure, tax-secured borrowings, colleges and universities, manufacturing facilities, single and multi-family housing projects, hospitals and nursing homes, solid waste and wastewater facilities, and student loan programs. Additionally, we provide specialized opinions and draft legislation related to public finance.

When we are selected as counsel, clients count on us for various services, including assistance in legal proceedings leading to the formation of issues, tax election matters, drafting of ordinances, resolutions and notices for publication and supporting documentation, and the review of transcripts of legal proceedings leading to the issuance, sale, and delivery of obligations.