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Mike Ford is a transactional lawyer with extensive experience in mergers, acquisitions, dispositions, banking, business, corporate, commercial, tax and real estate law.

Over the past 45 years, Mike has served as principal outside general counsel for several clients whose businesses range from agriculture to public banking. Mike manages the legal matters, allowing his clients to focus on their business needs.

Throughout the course of his career, Mike has managed several significant matters for his clients. He handled all legal aspects and the sale of more than $2 billion in assets of a major financial receivership. He handled bank regulatory matters with all federal regulatory agencies for a publicly held bank. He conducted extensive due diligence and director and officer liability projects for major hedge funds. He handled the sale of a $300 million portfolio of real estate and reviewed loans of all types for clients across the U.S. Mike was also sole counsel for the acquisition, operation and later disposition of more than $100 million of farms in Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Arkansas.

Mike has represented both buyers and sellers in the acquisition and sale of assets and stock of major companies. His experience includes: federal and state banks, major office buildings, storage facilities, gelatin plant, oil and gas well servicing and equipment companies, coal mining joint venture, rural telephone company, an equine embryo transfer firm, insurance agencies, gas transmission company, automobile dealerships, energy trading companies and medical technology companies.

Through his commercial real estate practice, he has represented both landlord and tenants in major leases and represented developers of large residential projects, hotels, and retail centers. Recently Mike helped form and facilitate a Delaware statutory trust which acquired a multimillion dollar portfolio of underrated warehouse properties in the Permian Basin of Texas and continues to work with the marketing of those DST properties.

In addition, Mike serves as principal outside counsel for:

- Caliber Development Company, a commercial and residential real estate development company
- Energy Related Properties LLC and its affiliated entities, owner, operator of several commercial office buildings and numerous industrial properties in Midland, TX area.
- Wexford Capital LP and its related entities on selected matters
- North Waterfront Corporation, owner of commercial office buildings
- Woodland Park Edmond LLC major developer of residential properties in Edmond, OK
- Bison Metal Technologies LLC owner and operator of a copper tubing manufacturing facility in Shawnee, OK

Further, Mike has provided outstanding representation to myriad clients, including:

- Represented several oil and gas well servicing firms including Shebester of Hennessey Inc. and Collins Well Service Company
- Represented the receiver of the Federal Land Bank of Jackson in receivership and liquidated all of the assets of that entity
- Represented Resurgence Properties LLC in liquidating a $300,000,000 real estate investment trust portfolio
- Served as principal outside counsel to Local Oklahoma Bank and currently represents the Bank of Gand Lake
- Represented major car dealerships, including John Smicklas Chevrolet, on corporate matters and acquisitions and dispositions