

Headline News

Andrews Kurth Partner David Washburn Named to EFNT Board

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DALLAS - Attorney J. David Washburn, a partner in the Dallas office of Andrews Kurth LLP, has been named to the Board of Directors for the Entrepreneurs Foundation of North Texas.

Founded in 2000, EFNT promotes corporate community involvement and philanthropy by organizing volunteer activities for companies and hosting networking events for senior level management.

"We are very pleased to welcome David as a member of the EFNT board," says Cindi Keith, Partner with PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP and Chairwoman for EFNT. "His strong reputation in the community and his enthusiasm for our overall mission make David an invaluable asset for the organization."

More than 80 North Texas companies participate in EFNT, which is supported by Communities Foundation of Texas and more than 40 other underwriters, including Andrews Kurth. The organization is affiliated with similar efforts in Austin, Silicon Valley, Portland, Atlanta, Boston and Tel Aviv.

"Many of the new and emerging companies in North Texas are seeking ways to make community investment and employee involvement an integral part of their business plan," David says. "EFNT offers an efficient way to channel that interest, and I'm pleased to be a part of such a dynamic initiative."

David's legal practice focuses on representing corporations in major merger and acquisition transactions in a broad variety of industries, as well as counseling clients regarding securities law and corporate governance issues. He is a frequent author and lecturer on Securities and Exchange Commission matters, including compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley regulations and conducting internal investigations.

David has been actively involved in a number of professional organizations that promote entrepreneurship, including the Technology Alliance of Dallas, Students in Free Enterprise, Murphy Enterprise Center, and the GC Netweavers, a networking group of more than 50 general counsels in the Dallas area. He is a graduate of the Leadership Dallas program, and was named as one of *D Magazine's* "Best Lawyers in Dallas Under 40."

"We are very proud to know that David has taken a leadership role with such a worthwhile organization," says Mark Solomon, Managing Partner for Andrews Kurth in Dallas. "EFNT represents the best the business community has to offer, and David will be a perfect fit on the Board of Directors."

About Entrepreneurs Foundation of North Texas

The Entrepreneurs Foundation of North Texas (www.efnt.org) promotes and facilitates community involvement and philanthropy for companies. As a designated fund of Communities Foundation of Texas, EFNT makes it simple for companies to give back to the community by assisting in organizing volunteer activities for employees and hosting networking events for senior level management of companies to help grow and strengthen their exclusive network of "good corporate citizens."

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