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David Sands is a member of the Firm's Executive Committee and a partner in the Entertainment, Technology and Advertising Team. He is also the former Practice Leader of the Firm's Corporate and Entertainment, Technology and Advertising Practice Groups. David splits his time among the Firm's Los Angeles, Orange County, and Century City offices.

### Areas of Practice

David handles major strategic and institutional transactions involving corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions and joint ventures.

David concentrates on the representation of companies involved in the media, entertainment and technologies industries and companies involved in the creation and distribution of financial products and financial services in a wide variety of key strategic transactions, including formation planning and initial capitalization, executive compensation structures, Internet and e-commerce arrangements and institutional capital transactions and other forms of equity and debt offerings (public and private), strategic alliances and partnerships, and merger and acquisitions (including take private transactions). He has extensive experience in providing counseling and providing strategic planning for the Firm's clients.

### Honors

Leading Dealmakers in America List, *Lawdragon*, 2026

Top Entertainment Attorney, Dealmakers Impact Report, *Variety*, 2008, 2021

Top Entertainment Attorney, *Variety's* Legal Impact Report, 2017, 2019, 2021-2022

Best Lawyer in America, *Best Lawyers*, 2017-2026

Top leading Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions (Venture Capital) Lawyer, *Chambers*, 2007-2016

"Most Influential M&A Advisors" in *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2013

"Top Transactional Attorneys" in *Variety's* Legal Impact Report, 2013

"Game-Changing Attorneys" in *Variety's* Legal Impact Report, 2012 and 2015

Southern California Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers*, 2009-2025

Mergers & Acquisitions, *Legal 500*, 2008-2012, 2014-2020, 2022, 2024-2025

Media and Entertainment: Transactional, *Legal 500*, 2021-2024

Which Lawyer?, Corporate/M&A, Practical Law Company, 2009-2012

## Articles

### Consumer Finance and Fintech Blog Posts

- "CFPB Reaches Correct Resolution On Juneteenth Disclosure Issues," August 9, 2021

### Corporate & Securities Law Blog Posts

- "Does A Consumer's Exercise of a Rescission Right Mean that the Loan Is Automatically Rescinded? Perhaps Not, According to One Federal Court, If the Consumer Does Not Also File a Lawsuit for Rescission," May 20, 2014
- "When Is a Non-Binding Term Sheet or Letter of Intent Enforced as a Binding Contract?," September 13, 2013
- "Delaware Chancery Court Decisions Highlight That a "Crucial Difference" In Analyzing Director Liability For "Bad Faith" In the Context of an M&A Sales Process Is the Seriousness of the Bidder," April 23, 2013
- "Delaware and California Courts Split as to Whether a Reverse Triangular Merger Results In an Assignment By Operation of Law, Creating Potential Pitfalls for Delaware and Other Foreign Corporations Located in California," April 9, 2013
- "The Importance of Well-Crafted MAE Provisions: Sallie Mae in Courtroom Battle with J.C. Flowers-led Buyout Group," October 24, 2007
- "California Court Limits Partnership Non-Compete Agreements," June 1, 2006

### Financial Institutions Law Blog Posts

- "CFPB Issues Letter on TRID Enforcement and Liability," January 11, 2016
- "Does A Consumer's Exercise of a Rescission Right Mean that the Loan Is Automatically Rescinded? Perhaps Not, According to One Federal Court, If the Consumer Does Not Also File a Lawsuit for Rescission," May 20, 2014
- "The End Is In Sight? Deutsche Bank Claims Victory In Defense Of A Repurchase Claim Based Upon Statute Of Limitations," December 30, 2013
- "When Is a Non-Binding Term Sheet or Letter of Intent Enforced as a Binding Contract?," September 19, 2013

## Media Mentions

Dealmakers Impact Report  
*Variety*, 12.04.2018

PE Firms Must Tread Lightly To Cash In On Mortgage Servicing  
*Law360*, 04.09.2013

Dealmakers Get Busy as Banks Exit Mortgage Loan Servicing  
*Daily Journal*, 03.28.2013

Q&A With Sheppard Mullin's David Sands  
*Law360*, 12.13.2011

Sheppard Mullin Lands Entertainment Group  
01.27.2003

## Speaking Engagements

Panelist, "Building Relationships for Success," Houlihan Lokey Conference on Financial Services Industry, New York, NY, March 5, 2014

## Practices

Corporate  
Capital Markets  
Emerging Company & Venture Capital  
Joint Ventures and Strategic Alliances  
Mergers and Acquisitions  
Private Equity  
Entertainment, Technology and Advertising  
Commercial Lending and Financial Transactions  
Equity Sponsor Finance

## Industries

Cannabis  
Emerging Company & Venture Capital  
Entertainment, Technology and Advertising  
Financial Services  
Mortgage Banking  
Music  
Private Equity

## Education

J.D., Boston University, 1987  
B.A., Oberlin College, 1984

## Admissions

California

## Additional Office

Orange County