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**Practice Areas**

Corporate & Securities

Mergers & Acquisitions

Telecommunications &  
Utilities

Venture Capital & Emerging  
Companies

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**Bar Admissions**

Louisiana, 1985

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**Education**

University of Virginia School  
of Law, J.D., 1985; Member,  
Editorial Board, 1983–1984,  
and Senior Editorial Board,  
*Journal of Law and Politics*,  
1984–1985

University of Virginia, B.A.  
and B.S., 1982, *summa cum  
laude*; Phi Beta Kappa;  
Echols Scholar

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Ken Najder is a partner in the firm's Corporate & Securities Practice Group. He joined Jones Walker in 1985 and became a partner in 1992. Mr. Najder represents public and private companies regarding a variety of corporate and securities law matters, with an emphasis on mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, venture capital transactions, and corporate governance. In recent years, he has represented a wide array of buyers and sellers of businesses, ranging from small privately held ventures to large publicly traded companies, in several industries, including the telecommunications, technology, chemical, media, shipping, construction, food, oil and gas, energy, engineering, consulting, banking, financial services, and manufacturing industries.

Mr. Najder's recent securities law practice has focused principally on counseling public companies regarding their disclosure obligations, private placements for venture-stage companies, and public debt offerings and tenders. Mr. Najder has counseled companies on a broad range of corporate law and governance issues, including acting as board counsel to public and private companies, implementing anti-takeover defenses, and providing advice regarding executive compensation and corporate restructurings. He also has extensive experience with the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976.

Mr. Najder and Jones Walker were featured in *The American Lawyer* as architects of CenturyLink's anti-takeover measures, thwarting Alltel's 2001 hostile bid, and as co-counsel to CenturyLink in connection with its 2009 acquisition of Embarq and its 2011 acquisitions of Qwest and Savvis.

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### Noteworthy

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2012 (Copyright 2011 by Woodward/White, Inc., Aiken, SC) in the areas of Corporate Law, Securities / Capital Markets Law, and Securities Regulation (listed annually since 2005)
- Recognized in "*Chambers USA – America's Leading Lawyers for Business*" in the area of Corporate/M&A (also listed in 2010)
- **AV® Peer Review Rating in Martindale-Hubbell**

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### Presentations

- "Buying & Selling a Business in Uncertain Times"  
Loews New Orleans Hotel, February 4, 2009

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### Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Association for Corporate Growth – Louisiana Chapter (Director since 2008; Officer 2010 to date)
- Lakeshore Crime Prevention District (Commissioner, 2005 to date)
- Lakeshore Property Owners Association (Director, 2011 to date)
- Louisiana State Bar Association
- Other Community Associations (Director/Officer of Various other Neighborhood Associations, 1997 to date)