

## Technology Group Of The Year: Davis Polk

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*Law360 (February 9, 2026, 4:03 PM EST)* -- Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP worked on multiple technology matters over the past year worth billions of dollars, including advising the underwriters in SailPoint's nearly \$1.4 billion initial public offering and helping Qorvo on a \$22 billion merger with Skyworks, earning the firm a spot among the 2025 Law360 Technology Practice Groups of the Year.

"Technology has always been a core practice area of the firm dating back to the longstanding relationship with Comcast," Nicole Brookshire, a partner at Davis Polk in New York, told Law360.

Davis Polk worked as underwriters' counsel in the February 2025 \$1.38 billion IPO of cybersecurity firm SailPoint.

The IPO marked SailPoint's return to public markets, nearly three years after Thoma Bravo reacquired the company for \$6.9 billion in 2022.

Brookshire said the business had changed significantly since it went private, with changes having happened in the regulatory environment.

She said having to learn about the business offered a unique perspective and a new storytelling opportunity.

"There are very few companies that have gone public twice," Brookshire said. "And part of that deal was recrafting the narrative to reflect the evolution of the business."

Another firm client was Qorvo Inc., which supplies radio frequency components to leading smartphone makers, including to Apple. The firm counseled Qorvo on a deal with Skyworks Solutions Inc. to morph into a \$22 billion industry giant. Skyworks and Qorvo said the October 2025 transaction would create a global leader in high-performance radio frequency, analog and mixed-signal semiconductors.

"It was a fascinating deal in terms of just how much semiconductors continue to be important to what's going on in the technology space," said Paul S. Scrivano, a Davis Polk mergers and acquisitions partner in California.

Scrivano said the semiconductor business is a space to watch, as integrated circuits are in everything



from missiles to children's toys.

He said the space is a barometer for the economy, and that the deal involving Skyworks and Qorvo was one of the largest semiconductor mergers announced in the past five years.

"There are few industries where the thing that they make is incorporated in almost every other product that you see," Scrivano said.

Davis Polk also was the legal adviser to Altair Engineering Inc. in an October 2024 deal in which German tech conglomerate Siemens AG had agreed to acquire the software company for about \$10.6 billion.

Alan F. Denenberg, a Davis Polk partner in California who worked on the deal, said it was a thoroughly run auction with multiple parties to contend with in terms of bidding.

Denenberg also said the transaction had high stakes, but in many ways was more interesting than usual mergers and acquisitions.

Denenberg said it was a dynamic deal in a sense because of James Scapa, Altair's CEO.

"That was his baby," Denenberg said. "He raised it from a baby and was he really ready to let it go?"

Scapa had a financial stake, but he also was the founder of the company, Denenberg said, which added another level to the deal.

"But the personal dynamic that an individual founder goes through throughout that process, and as a lawyer and frankly as Jim's friend helping him sort through that, was in many ways for me the most interesting part," Denenberg said.

Technology is a major focus for the firm, Scrivano said, calling it "critical to what we do at Davis Polk."

"It's difficult to find a business these days that doesn't rely on technology or doesn't touch the technology space in some manner," he said.

Scrivano added that there are 34 partners, together with six other lawyers, who are purely technology-focused at the firm. Those attorneys are located in New York, Northern California and Washington, D.C., he said, as well as in Asia, Europe and Latin America.

"Really, effectively any lawyer in the firm can work on technology clients," Brookshire said. "We're all very nimble and capable."

Scrivano said there are growth plans for the future, considering how important technology is, but that it is "not growth for growth's sake."

"The emphasis would be on quality," Scrivano said. "It always is at Davis Polk."

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