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Rick has more than 30 years of experience advising clients in various industries, including several investor-owned public utilities, food manufacturers and distributors, health services, automobile original equipment manufacturers and telecommunications service providers. He serves as tax director of BKD's Dallas-Waco practice unit, and as the regional tax director for BKD's South Region. He has significant experience with federal tax due diligence and matters related to structuring transactions, and is a member of the firm's Tax Mergers & Acquisitions Steering Committee. Rick also serves as the South Region's tax representative on BKD's National Manufacturing and Distribution Committee.

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Rick is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and Texas Society of CPAs. He serves on the Small Business Investor Alliance Tax and Accounting Advisory Committee. Rick is a former member of the Advisory Board of the S-Corporation Association of America and has testified before a congressional subcommittee and met with members of Congress on behalf of the S-Corporation Association. He also is a former member of the Wartburg College Alumni Board.

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