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The M&A Advisory Certificate is built for professionals who operate in complex decision-making environments.

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- Finance leaders evaluating acquisition or sale opportunities
- Professionals expanding into advisory or transaction-support services
- Practitioners who want to collaborate confidently across disciplines
- Emerging leaders preparing for strategic roles within their firms
- Anyone who wants to see the full picture of M&A and lead effectively.

Advisory today demands breadth and depth.
This program gives you both.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

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Market Trends and Outlook: Why Texas Is the Future!
Maureen Churgovich, Ascend; Collin Cooper, Palmetto Capital; Jack Fisher, Opportune; Henry Ryan, Retina Consultants of America; Sam Sicola, Opportune; Lei Testa, Testa CPA LLC

Financial Analysis, Financial Modeling and Deal Valuation
Jack Fisher, Opportune; Ryan Moore, Palmetto Capital; Henry Ryan, Retina Consultants of America; Sam Sicola, Opportune

The Role of Private Equity
Maureen Churgovich, Ascend; Collin Cooper, Palmetto Capital; Jack Fisher, Opportune; Ryan Moore, Palmetto Capital; Lei Testa, Testa CPA LLC; Henry Ryan, Retina Consultants of America; Sam Sicola, Opportune

Structuring The Transfer Of A Business As Equity Purchase, Merger Or Asset Purchase
Howard Nirken, DuBois Bryant & Campbell; William H. Hornberger, Jackson Walker LLP; Steven D. Moore, Jackson Walker LLP

Financial Accounting For Acquisitions
Mark L. Bradshaw, The University of Texas, McCombs School of Business, Matheson Keys & Kordzik; Jeffrey Johanns, The University of Texas, McCombs School of Business

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U.S. Federal Income Tax Structuring Considerations
William H. Hornberger, Jackson Walker LLP; Jason Freeman, Freeman Law; Brady Cox, Jackson Walker LLP; William D. Elliott, Elliott, Thomason & Gibson, LLP; Garrett D. Lessman, Jackson Walker LLP; Aaron Parsow, BakerTilly; Ryan Quade, Jackson Walker LLP; James A. Smith, Smith, Jackson, Boyer & Bovard, PLLC; Jon Karp, WhitleyPenn; Bill Wilson, WhitleyPenn

Texas Corporation and LLC Law Compared To Delaware Corporation Law
Professor Christine Hurt, SMU Dedman School of Law

Acquisitions Involving Nonprofits
Eric Curtis, Curtis Strategy

Texas Business Organizations Code Changes
Howard Nirken, DuBois Bryant & Campbell

Fiduciary Duties
Howard Nirken, DuBois Bryant & Campbell

Fair Market Value Business Valuations
Robert P. Gray, Gray Schrupp & Associates, LLC; Elizabeth Schrupp, Gray Schrupp & Associates, LLC; Sean K. Shahkarami, Opilio LLC

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Due Diligence Process
William H. Hornberger, Jackson Walker LLP; Garrett D. Lessman, Jackson Walker LLP; Aaron Parsow, BakerTilly

Confidentiality Agreements, Letters Of Intent And Other Early-Stage Issues
Howard Nirken, DuBois Bryant & Campbell

Small Business Capital Formation and SAFE Transactions
Adrienne Randle Bond, Wildfire Energy LLC

State Taxation And Its Impacts On Business Transfers
Allison Andrews, Jackson Walker LLP; Steven D. Moore, Jackson Walker LLP; Sarah Pai, Jackson Walker LLP

Multistate
Allison Andrews, Jackson Walker LLP; Steven D. Moore, Jackson Walker LLP; Brandon Newton, WhitleyPenn; Sarah Pai, Jackson Walker LLP

Financing Considerations
John Wittenberg, Jackson Walker LLP

DEXIT: The Corporate Steps in Exiting Delaware
Byron F. Egan, Jackson Walker LLP

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Anatomy of an LLC Agreement
John Ale, Attorney at Law; Cecil 'Tres' Bain, III, Kreager Mitchell PLLC; Brady Cox, Jackson Walker LLP; Bill Wilson, Whitley Penn LLP

Covenants Not To Compete And Other Employment Law Considerations
David Schlottman, Jackson Walker LLP

Distressed Company Considerations
Machir Stull, Jackson Walker LLP

IP Considerations
Raman Dewan, Jackson Walker LLP

IT & Data Protections Considerations
John Jackson, Jackson Walker LLP

Business Courts
Chris Bankler, Jackson Walker LLP

Handling Business Disputes: Mediation, Litigation and Arbitration
Brian Oates, Jackson Walker LLP

When the Acquisition Goes Wrong: Betting the Company Litigation and Director and Officer Liability
Chip Babcock, Jackson Walker LLP

February 5 | Virtual

The Role of Corporate Governance in M&A Transactions
Gregg Ballew, University of Texas at Dallas

Cross-Border Acquisition Considerations
William H. Hornberger, Jackson Walker LLP

Estate Planning Considerations in M&A
Mike Baldwin, Jackson Walker LLP

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THE COHORT EXPERIENCE

This 5-day program features:

- Two immersive in-person days at The Petroleum Club of Dallas
- Three virtual deep-dive days to extend and apply learning
- Guided instruction from experienced CPAs, attorneys and deal advisors
- Collaborative cohort exercises that mirror real transaction teams
- Case-based learning applying frameworks to real scenarios
- Live interaction with practitioners and faculty
- Online exam to complete your credential and digital badge to share your achievement across your professional networks

You will leave not just informed – but transformed in the way you approach advisory work.

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Exam Fee
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Virtual Day (3 or 4)	$429	$569
Virtual Half-Day (Day 5)	$249	$329

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