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Richard Hays is the Chairman & Managing Partner of Alston & Bird. Since 2008, he has led the strategic direction of the firm and played a key role in its growth and performance. Richard chairs the firm's Administrative Committee and leads the firm's offices in New York, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Atlanta, Dallas, Fort Worth, Charlotte, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, Raleigh, Beijing, Brussels, and London. Before his election, Richard served as the firm's Financial Partner and also headed the firm's Litigation & Trial Practice Group. He has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®.

Richard received his undergraduate degree from Harvard in 1982, a masters from Edinburgh University in 1984 as a Rotary Scholar and his law degree from Vanderbilt in 1986, where he was the Notes Editor of the *Vanderbilt Law Review*.

Professional & Community Engagement

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Education

- Vanderbilt University (J.D., 1986)
- Edinburgh University (M.Sc., 1984)
- Harvard University (A.B., 1982)

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia