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Adam Goodman is a Partner in the Litigation Department of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. His practice focuses on merger litigation, antitrust enforcement challenges, federal securities class actions, and appeals.

Mr. Goodman litigates high-stakes disputes across the state and federal courts. Recent matters include:

- Representing Pfizer in emergency merger litigation against a competitor, culminating in Pfizer's successful acquisition of Metsera's GLP-1 portfolio.
- Representing Capital One in defeating claims to enjoin its \$35.3 billion acquisition of Discover.
- Representing Danone S.A. in obtaining dismissal of hundreds of product-liability claims filed against it in multidistrict litigation in the Northern District of California.
- Representing U. S. Steel in its antitrust litigation against Cleveland-Cliffs and the successful consummation of its \$14.9 billion sale to Nippon.
- Representing Twitter in its expedited Delaware litigation with Elon Musk, culminating in the \$44 billion sale of the company on the deal's original terms
- Representing Altria Group in a first-of-its-kind victory at trial over the FTC on the agency's challenge seeking to unwind Altria's multibillion-dollar investment in JUUL Labs. Inc.
- Representing Black Knight in the successful resolution of the FTC's attempt to block the company's \$11.7 billion merger with Intercontinental Exchange as anticompetitive
- Representing JPMorgan in obtaining the dismissal of numerous class and derivative actions brought against the company following the collapse of the Madoff Ponzi scheme

- Representing Raytheon Technologies in obtaining the dismissal of a securities fraud class action arising out of the company's disclosure of a criminal subpoena
- Representing Hewlett-Packard in obtaining the dismissal on extraterritoriality grounds of a RICO action brought by Mexico's state-owned oil company
- Representing United Technologies in obtaining the dismissal of a securities fraud class action alleging fraudulently misleading earnings guidance.

Mr. Goodman was recently named by *Lawdragon* as one of the 500 leading antitrust lawyers globally and is a recipient of the James H. Fogelson Emerging Leadership Award from the UJA-Federation of New York. Earlier in his career, Mr. Goodman served as a law clerk at each level of the federal judiciary. Mr. Goodman clerked for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Justice David H. Souter of the United States Supreme Court, for Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and for Judge Jed S. Rakoff of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Mr. Goodman serves on the Constitutional Law & Federal Courts Litigation Advisory Committee of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, advising the Chamber on its *amicus* strategy in cases of significance to the business community. He is also an active member of the New York City Bar Association, where he serves on both the Federal Courts Committee and the Securities Litigation Committee.

Clerkships

Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Supreme Court of the United States, 2017–2018

Honorable David H. Souter (Ret.), Supreme Court of the United States, 2017–2018

Honorable Robert A. Katzmann, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 2016–2017

Honorable Jed S. Rakoff, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, 2015–2016

Recent Publications

[Wachtell Lipton Discusses Supreme Court Business Docket for October Term 2024](#), in Columbia Law School's Blog on Corporations and the Capital Markets, July 22, 2025.

[Wachtell Lipton Discusses the Supreme Court's Business Docket Last Term](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, July 12, 2024, [Columbia Law School's Blog on Corporations and the Capital Markets](#), July 16, 2024 and [NYU Law School's Blog on Compliance and Enforcement](#), August 7, 2024.

[FTC Alleges Serial Acquirer Theory in Challenge to Consummated PE Deals](#), in NYU Law School's Blog on Compliance and Enforcement, October 1, 2023.

[The Supreme Court's Business for October Term 2022](#), in Columbia Law School's Blog on Corporations and the Capital Markets, July 17, 2023.

[FTC Diminishes Role of Administrative Law Judge](#), in NYU Law School's Blog on Compliance and Enforcement, June 12, 2023.

[Supreme Court Rejects Challenge to California Law Alleged to Burden Out-of-State Industry](#), in NYU Law School's Blog on Compliance and Enforcement, May 17, 2023.

[Wachtell Lipton Discusses Constitutional Challenges to Ongoing SEC and FTC Administrative Proceedings](#), in Columbia Law School's Blog on Corporations and the Capital Markets, April 19, 2023.

[Important Supreme Court Business Cases Decided During October Term 2021 and Cases to Watch in October Term 2022](#), in Columbia Law School's Blog on Corporations and the Capital Markets, July 6, 2022.

[Important Supreme Court Business Cases Decided During October Term 2020 and Cases to Watch in October Term 2021](#), in Columbia Law School's Blog on Corporations and the Capital Markets, July 15, 2021.

[Regulators Around the World Address Short Selling in Response to the Covid-19 Market Crisis](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation, March 26, 2020.