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Eric M. Feinstein is a Partner in the Corporate Department of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. Eric's practice focuses on domestic and cross-border mergers, acquisitions and dispositions, spin-offs, securities law matters, hostile takeover defense, shareholder activism and general corporate governance matters. He has advised a broad range of public and private clients across multiple industries, including sports, banking, financial services, media, technology, pharmaceuticals, consumer products, industrials, energy and real estate.

In 2025, Eric was one of five lawyers selected as a *Law360* MVP in Sports & Betting. He was also named as a 2025 "Rising Star" by the *New York Law Journal* and was one of five lawyers recognized in 2024 by *Law360* as a "Rising Star" in M&A. Eric has been named by *Lawdragon* as one of the 500 Leading Lawyers in America, 500 Leading Dealmakers in America and 500 Leading Global Entertainment, Sports & Media Lawyers. Earlier in his career, he was named to the *Lawdragon* 500 X – the Next Generation as one of the next generation of legal leaders in America.

Eric serves on the Board of Advisors of the Institute for Law & Economics at the University of Pennsylvania.

Selected publicly disclosed sports and media representations include:

- **Kwanza Jones and José E. Feliciano** in their acquisition of the **San Diego Padres**
- **Electronic Arts** in its \$55.0 billion acquisition by a consortium led by the Public Investment Fund, the largest ever take-private transaction
- **Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority** in its sale of the **WNBA's Connecticut Sun** to the Tilman J. Fertitta family
- **Bill Chisholm** and his investor group in the \$6.1 billion acquisition of the **Boston Celtics**
- **Alex Rodriguez and Marc Lore** in their \$1.5 billion acquisition of the **Minnesota Timberwolves**
- **Clearlake Capital** in its sale of Concert Golf Partners
- **Stephen Ross and the Miami Dolphins** in multiple transactions, including the:
 - sales of minority interests in the **Miami Dolphins, Hard Rock Stadium and F1 Miami Grand Prix** to Ares Management, Joe Tsai and Bin Lin
 - joint venture with Ari Emanuel's Mari group to acquire the **Miami Open** tennis tournament
- **David Rubenstein** in his \$1.7 billion acquisition of the **Baltimore Orioles** and related financing transactions
- **The Baltimore Orioles** in the global resolution of their dispute with the Washington Nationals regarding the Mid-Atlantic Sports Network
- **The Atlanta Braves** and CEO **Terry McGuirk** in connection with McGuirk's proxy and voting agreement with John Malone
- **Derek Jeter** and his investor group in the acquisition of the **Miami Marlins**

Selected publicly disclosed bank, fintech and financial services representations include:

- **Goldman Sachs** in multiple transactions, including its:
 - \$2.0 billion acquisition of Innovator Capital Management
 - Sale of GreenSky and related loan assets to a consortium led by Sixth Street
- **FIS** in its \$18.5 billion carve-out divestiture of a majority interest in its Worldpay merchant solutions business
- **Ford Financial Fund** and its portfolio company **Mechanics Bank** in multiple transactions, including the:

- Sale of its Fannie Mae DUS business to Fifth Third
- \$3.6 billion merger with HomeStreet
- \$2.1 billion carve-out acquisition of Rabobank
- Acquisition of Learner Financial Corporation and Scott Valley Bank
- Acquisition of California Republic Bancorp
- **TowneBank** in its \$203 million acquisition of Old Point Financial Corporation
- **Bremer Financial** in its \$1.4 billion merger with Old National Bancorp
- **Royal Bank of Canada** in its \$13.5 billion acquisition of HSBC Bank Canada
- **SoFi Technologies** in multiple transactions, including its:
 - \$8.6 billion merger with Social Capital Hedosophia V
 - \$1.1 billion acquisition of Technisys S.A.
 - Acquisition of Wyndham Capital Mortgage
 - \$1.725 billion and \$1.5 billion common equity raises, \$1.2 billion and \$860 million convertible notes issuances, \$600 million common equity for convertible notes exchange and other securities transactions
- **Umpqua Holdings** in its \$8.2 billion all-stock combination with Columbia Banking System
- **BB&T Corporation** in its \$66 billion merger of equals with SunTrust to create Truist
- **Valley National Bancorp** in its \$1.2 billion acquisition of Bank Leumi USA
- **Boston Private Financial Holdings** in its \$900 million acquisition by SVB Financial and successful defense against a proxy contest by activist investor HoldCo Asset Management
- **Banner Corporation** in its acquisition of Skagit Bancorp
- **Hampton Roads Bankshares** in its acquisition of Xenith Bankshares

Selected publicly disclosed technology, pharmaceuticals, consumer products, industrials, energy and real estate representations include:

- **Clearlake Capital** in its acquisition of Qualus Corp.
- **Atwell** in its acquisition by Advent International
- **Amgen** in its \$4 billion acquisition of ChemoCentryx

- **Perrigo Company plc** in multiple transactions, including its:
 - €275 million carve-out divestiture of its HRA Pharma Rare Diseases business
 - Divestiture of its scar-treatment business
 - \$2.1 billion acquisition of HRA Pharma from Astorg and Goldman Sachs Asset Management
 - \$1.6 billion carve-out divestiture of its generic Rx pharmaceutical business
 - \$2.8 billion sale of its rights in the royalty stream of Tysabri®
 - Successful defense against a \$26 billion hostile takeover offer by Mylan N.V.
 - Governance agreement with Starboard

- **Bath & Body Works** in its:
 - Divestiture of majority interests the Easton Town Center and Easton Gateway joint ventures
 - Defense against an announced proxy fight by Third Point

- **Adobe** in its \$1.3 billion acquisition of frame.io
- **Broadcom** in multiple transactions, including its:
 - \$130 billion proposal to acquire Qualcomm
 - \$18.9 billion all-cash acquisition of CA Technologies
 - \$950 million sale of Veracode to Thoma Bravo

- **United Technologies** in its separation into three independent public companies and the spin-offs of Otis Worldwide Corp. and Carrier Global Corporation
- **AECOM** in multiple transactions, including its:
 - \$2.4 billion carve-out sale of its Management Services business to American Securities and Lindsay Goldberg
 - Carve-out sale of its oil & gas maintenance business to Graham Construction
 - Governance agreement with Starboard

- **Quality Care Properties** in its \$3.9 billion acquisition by Welltower, including its related agreement with ProMedica Health System to acquire HCR ManorCare through a bankruptcy reorganization

- **CIT Group** in multiple transactions, including its:
 - \$10 billion carve-out sale of its aircraft leasing business to Avolon Holdings Limited
 - Sale of its aircraft leasing joint ventures to Tokyo Century
- **TEGNA** in multiple transactions, including its:
 - Spin-off of Cars.com
 - Sale of CareerBuilder to Apollo Global Management and the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board
- **Periphas Capital** in its convertible preferred equity investment in KAR Auction Services
- **Motorola Solutions** in multiple transactions, including its strategic partnership with Silver Lake and related securities transactions
- **CNX Resources** in the spin-off of its coal business
- **Annaly Capital Management** in its \$1.5 billion acquisition of Hatteras Financial
- **Ventas** in its spin-off of its skilled nursing REIT, Care Capital Properties
- **Gannett** in its governance agreement with Carl Icahn and the spin-off of its publishing business

Eric received a B.A. *magna cum laude* from Yale University in 2007, where he graduated with honors and received the John Addison Porter Prize in American History.

In 2014, he completed a J.D. *magna cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif. He also received an M.B.A. from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, where he majored in Finance and was a Palmer Scholar.

Recent Publications

[Financial Institutions M&A Key Trends and Outlook](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, April 24, 2026.

[Financial Institutions MA Key Trends and Outlook](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, February 3, 2025.

[Wachtell Publishes Financial Institutions M&A Guide for 2024](#), in NYU Law School's Blog on Compliance and Enforcement, May 8, 2024.