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George Tepe is a partner in Wachtell Lipton's Corporate Department. His practice focuses primarily on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, corporate governance, shareholder activism and securities laws matters.

George received a B.A. *magna cum laude* in Economics from Amherst College in 2014, where he was Student Body President, elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa and received the James R. Nelson Prize for a distinguished economics thesis on a matter of public policy. He received his J.D. from Columbia Law School in 2017, where he was a James Kent Scholar and served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Columbia Business Law Review*. He received the Ruth Bader Ginsberg Prize, the Paul R. Hays Prize, awarded to outstanding first-year students in civil procedure, and the Powell Fellowship, awarded for outstanding work as a faculty research assistant.

George serves as a Vice Chair of the Board of Governors of Cranbrook Schools.

Selected representations include:

Healthcare, Pharmaceuticals and Health Services

- **Hologic** in its \$18.3 billion acquisition by Blackstone and TPG
- **Pfizer** in its up to \$10 billion acquisition of Metsera

- **CVS Health** in its appointment of new directors and its confidentiality and standstill agreement with Glenview Capital Management and its \$3 billion notes offering and \$3 billion debt tender offers
- **The Cigna Group** in its \$3.7 billion sale of its Medicare Advantage, Cigna Supplemental Benefits, Medicare Part D and CareAllies businesses to Health Care Service Corporation
- **TruTechnologies** in its sale of a majority ownership stake to LLR Partners

Technology and Telecommunications

- **Palo Alto Networks** in its \$25 billion acquisition of CyberArk Software
- **T-Mobile** in multiple transactions, including:
 - \$4.9 billion investment in a joint venture with KKR to acquire Metronet and investment in a joint venture with KKR to acquire U.S. Internet
 - Pending \$2 billion investment in a 50/50 joint venture with Oak Hill to acquire and combine GoNetspeed and Greenlight Networks
 - Pending \$700 million investment in a 50/50 joint venture with Wren House to acquire i3 Broadband
- **Telesat Canada** in its \$4.4 billion Up-C transaction with its shareholders, Loral Space & Communications and PSP Investments
- **HP Inc.** in its successful defense against the \$34 billion unsolicited exchange offer and associated proxy fight by Xerox
- **OpenGov** in its \$1.8 billion acquisition by Cox Enterprises
- **Intelsat** in numerous financing and securities transactions

Private Equity

- **TowerBrook Capital Partners** in its \$8.9 billion acquisition of R1 RCM with CD&R and in connection with R1 RCM's \$4.1 billion acquisition of Cloudmed
- **Apollo Global Management** in its \$1.85 billion all-cash acquisition of U.S. Silica and its \$6 billion acquisition of Tech Data Corporation
- **Sixth Street** in its joint venture with Figure Technology Solutions in connection with Figure's pending acquisition of Kiavi
- **Centerbridge Partners** in its \$500 million acquisition of reorganized Speedcast International and its affiliates pursuant to a Chapter 11 plan of reorganization

- **Warburg Pincus** in its minority investment in Edelman Financial Engines and its Series C investment in Beacon Platform
- **Siris Capital Group** in its \$4.4 billion all-cash acquisition of Travelport Worldwide
- **Searchlight Capital Partners** in its \$2 billion acquisition of Mitel Networks
- **Mudrick Capital Management** in the \$1.085 billion out-of-court debt restructuring of Affinion Group

Financial Services, Fintech and Banking

- **Global Payments** in multiple transactions, including:
 - \$45 billion merger of equals with Total System Services
 - \$925 million acquisition of Zego
 - \$3 billion senior notes offering in connection with its acquisition of Total System Services
- **Triumph Financial** in multiple transactions, including:
 - \$160 million acquisition of Greenscreens.ai
 - \$97 million acquisition of HubTran
 - Strategic minority investment in Trax Group, Inc.
 - \$100 million modified Dutch auction tender offer to repurchase its common stock
 - Private placement of \$70 million in aggregate principal amount of its Fixed-to-Floating Rate Subordinated Notes
- **Bremer Financial** in its \$1.4 billion merger with Old National Bancorp
- **Lincoln Financial** in its \$825 million strategic growth investment from Bain Capital
- **Mr. Cooper Group** in its \$324 million acquisition of Home Point Capital
- **Monticello Associates** in its acquisition by Cresset
- **City National Bank** in its acquisition of Film Track

Consumer, Entertainment and Retail

- **PENN Entertainment** in multiple transactions, including:

- Its cooperation agreement with HG Vora, including the appointment of three new independent directors
- Strategic alliance with ESPN for U.S. online sports betting
- \$2 billion acquisition of Score Media and Gaming
- Investment in, acquisition and divestiture of Barstool Sports
- Its nomination of two directors following discussions with HG Vora
- **Altria** in multiple transactions, including:
 - \$12.8 billion investment in JUUL Labs
 - Joint venture with Japan Tobacco for the U.S. marketing and commercialization of heated tobacco stick products
 - \$2.2 billion underwritten global offering of ordinary shares of Anheuser-Busch InBev
- **Mondelēz** in its acquisition of Hu Products, its acquisition of Give & Go and its approximately \$500 million acquisition of Tate's Bake Shop
- **Cengage Group** in its \$500 million investment from funds affiliated with Apollo Global Management

Industrials and Energy

- **Honeywell Technologies** in its \$72 billion spin-off of Honeywell Aerospace
- **National Instruments** in its \$8.2 billion acquisition by Emerson
- **Phillips 66** in its \$2.2 billion acquisition of EPIC Y-Grade
- **Prysmian** in its \$4.2 billion acquisition of Encore Wire
- **Littelfuse** in its \$540 million acquisition of C&K Switches
- Conflicts Committee of the Board of Directors of **NuStar GP Holdings** in its \$780 million acquisition by NuStar Energy and its response to an unsolicited acquisition proposal by Energy Transfer

Recent Publications

[The Re-Emergence of Contingent Value Rights](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, December 9, 2025

[Private Equity 2025](#), in Chambers and Partners, 2025

[Private Equity—2024 Review and 2025 Outlook](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, January 24, 2025.

[Personal Benefit Has No Place in Misappropriation Tipping Cases](#), in 71 SMU L. Rev. 767 (2018).

[Boards Should Use Diversity as a Defense Against Activists](#), in Columbia Law School's Blog on Corporations and Capital Markets, September 21, 2017.