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Graham W. Meli is a Partner in Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz's Litigation Department. His practice includes litigation relating to corporate transactions, shareholder derivative litigation and related investigations, securities litigation, and commercial litigation. Mr. Meli represents clients at both the trial and appellate levels, as well as in negotiation of complex settlements.

Mr. Meli's recent representations include, among others:

- The Chemours Company in several PFAS-related settlements, including nationwide class action settlement with water providers and settlements with state attorneys general;
- Santander Consumer USA in obtaining summary judgment in contract dispute over consumer financing program;
- RTX Corporation in obtaining dismissal of multiple litigations, including two securities class actions, a class action relating to employee-compensation awards (with subsequent affirmance on appeal to the Second Circuit), and a shareholder derivative action in the Delaware Court of Chancery (with subsequent affirmance on appeal to the Delaware Supreme Court);
- Dyal Capital Partners in defeating multi-front litigation challenging its SPAC merger with Owl Rock;
- Cigna and its directors in obtaining dismissal of a shareholder derivative action in the Delaware Court of Chancery; and
- Bank of America in numerous mortgage-related matters, including significant settlements with FHFA, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, AIG, FGIC, and others.

Since joining Wachtell Lipton in 2005, Mr. Meli has worked on several of the firm's other high-profile matters. He has represented JPMorgan in multi-billion-dollar litigation brought by the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy estate, Silverstein Properties in an insurance appraisal proceeding relating to the destruction of the World Trade Center in the September 11 attacks, and a Swiss bank in several matters arising out of the Madoff fraud.

Mr. Meli was also a member of the pro bono team that successfully represented New York State's Chief Judge and Unified Court System in a constitutional challenge to the State's extended failure to adjust judicial salaries.

Mr. Meli received an A.B. with distinction in all subjects from Cornell University in 2002. He received a J.D. *magna cum laude* in 2005 from Harvard Law School, where he was an executive editor of the *Harvard Law Review*.

Recent Publications

[The CARES Act: Litigation and Enforcement Lessons from the Financial Crisis](#), in Columbia Law School's Blog on Corporations and the Capital Markets, April 9, 2020.

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[New York's Highest Court Holds that Six-Year Statute of Limitations on RMBS Repurchase Claims Runs from Time of Securitization](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation, June 15, 2015.

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[Recent Decisions Reaffirm That Merger Terminates Derivative Standing Under Delaware Law](#), in Bank and Corporate Governance Law Reporter Volume 45 Number 1, September 2010.

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