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Ledina Gocaj is Counsel in the Corporate Department of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. Ledina advises banks, fintechs and other financial institutions on a broad range of transactional, regulatory and supervisory matters, including domestic and cross-border mergers, acquisitions and dispositions, purchase and assumption transactions of failed banks, chartering of new banks, enforcement actions and appeals of supervisory determinations before the bank regulatory agencies.

Previously, Ledina served as Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of the Chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, where she advised the Chairman and Deputy to the Chairman for Policy on a broad range of regulatory guidance, rulemakings, publications, economic research and other agency matters. Earlier in her career, she worked in the investment banking arm of a global systemically important bank.

Ledina received an A.B. from Princeton University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. Following graduation from Harvard, Ledina served as a law clerk to the Honorable Douglas H. Ginsburg on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Selected representations include:

- **Coinbase** in its participation in Open Standard and the Open USD stablecoin

- **Hancock Whitney Corporation** in its $377.6 million acquisition of OFB Bancshares
- **Webster Financial** in its $12.3 billion acquisition by Santander
- **Varo** in its $123.9 million growth investment led by Warburg Pincus and Coliseum Capital Management, LLC
- **Prosperity Bancshares** in multiple transactions, including its acquisitions of:
  - Stellar Bancorp
  - Southwest Bancshares
  - American Bank Holding Corporation
- **Capital One** in multiple transactions, including:
  - $5.15 billion acquisition of Brex Inc.
  - $35.3 billion acquisition of Discover Financial
- **The Goldman Sachs Group** in multiple transactions, including:
  - Over $20 billion sale of its Apple credit card portfolio to Chase
  - $2 billion acquisition of Innovator Capital Management
- **Warburg Pincus** in multiple transactions, including:
  - Investment in OceanFirst in connection with OceanFirst's acquisition of Flushing Financial
  - Sale of Warburg Pincus' majority interest in the parent partnership of Kestra to Stone Point Capital
- **Associated Banc-Corp** in its $604 million acquisition of American National
- **Green Dot Corporation** in its $1.1 billion acquisition by Smith Ventures and CommerceOne
- **Charles Schwab** in its $660 million acquisition of Forge Global
- **Huntington Bancshares** in multiple transactions, including:
  - $7.4 billion acquisition of Cadence Bank
  - $1.9 billion acquisition of Veritex Holdings
- **NBHC** in its $369.1 million acquisition of Vista and Vista Bank
- **PNC** in its $4.1 billion acquisition of FirstBank
- **Dayforce** in its $12.3 billion sale to Thoma Bravo

- **TowneBank** in multiple transactions, including its acquisitions of Dogwood State Bank and Old Point Financial Corporation
- **Synovus** in its $17 billion all-stock combination with Pinnacle Financial Partners
- **Triumph Financial** in its $160 million acquisition of Greenscreens.ai

Clerkships

Honorable Douglas H. Ginsburg, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, 2016–2017

Recent Publications

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

Cryptoasset Developments: Banking Regulators Reversing Anti-Crypto Stance, in NYU Law School's Blog on Compliance and Enforcement, March 17, 2025.

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