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Mark Gordon is a partner and 28-year veteran of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz's Corporate Department, where he focuses on advising public companies and major leveraged buyout firms in domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, shareholder activism, takeover defense, restructurings, corporate governance and securities law matters. Mark is recognized as one of the [500 leading dealmakers](#) in America by *Lawdragon* and was selected by *The American Lawyer* as a Dealmaker of the Year for 2016.

Mr. Gordon is also the Robert B. and Candice J. Haas Lecturer in Corporate Finance Law at Harvard Law School, where he has taught a winter-term advanced Mergers & Acquisitions course annually since 2009.

Mr. Gordon joined Wachtell Lipton in 1994 and was elected partner in 2001. He received his B.A. *magna cum laude* from Yale University, and his J.D. *magna cum laude* from Harvard University. While at Harvard, he was executive editor of the *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review* and was a member of the winning team in the Ames Moot Court Competition.

In addition, Mr. Gordon serves as:

- a member of the executive committee of the board of the USC Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education,
- a permanent advisor to the Next Generation Leadership group of G100 (an organization focused

on the development of future CEOs), and

- a trustee of the Yale Daily News Foundation.

His recent M&A representations include:

- **LKQ Corp.** in its \$2.1 billion acquisition of Uni-Select
- **Whirlpool Corporation** in its \$3 billion acquisition of the InSinkErator business of Emerson Electric
- **Cornerstone Building Brands** in its \$5.8 billion all-cash acquisition by affiliates of Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, its 49% stockholder
- **Jazz Pharmaceuticals** in its \$7.2 billion acquisition of GW Pharmaceuticals
- **Alexion Pharmaceuticals** in its \$39 billion sale to AstraZeneca
- **Analog Devices** in its \$21 billion all-stock acquisition of Maxim Integrated Products
- **Craft Brew Alliance** in its \$320 million sale to Anheuser-Busch InBev
- **Auris Health** in its \$5.75 billion sale to Johnson & Johnson
- **Entegris** in its merger of equals with Versum Materials with a combined enterprise value of \$9 billion (since terminated)
- **Energen** in its \$9.2 billion all-stock merger with Diamondback Energy
- **Resolute Energy** in its \$1.6 billion sale to Cimarex Energy
- **NCI Building Systems** in its \$2.6 billion stock-for-stock merger with Ply Gem
- **Eli Lilly and Company** in its \$1.6 billion acquisition of ARMO BioSciences
- **Chicago Bridge & Iron** in its \$6 billion merger of equals with McDermott International
- **Bill Barrett** in its \$649 million combination with Fifth Creek Energy
- **CardConnect** in its \$750 million acquisition by First Data
- **Medivation** in its \$14 billion sale to Pfizer
- **Analog Devices** in its \$14.8 billion acquisition of Linear Technology
- **Valspar** in its \$11.3 billion sale to Sherwin-Williams
- **Airgas** \$13.4 billion acquisition by Air Liquide S.A.
- **Alexion** in its \$8.4 billion acquisition of Synageva Biopharma
- **PetSmart** in its \$8.3 billion sale to a buying group led by BC Partners
- **Steris Corp.** in its \$1.9 billion acquisition of Synergy Health plc

- **Forest Oil** in its \$1.0 billion merger with Sabine Oil & Gas

Recent Publications

[Cross-Border M&A - 2023 Checklist for Successful Acquisitions in the United States](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, January 7, 2023.

[Cross-Border M&A - 2022 Checklist for Successful Acquisitions in the United States](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation, January 22, 2022.

[What to Say on Your Next Earnings Call in the Time of Covid-19: Providing Insights, Disclosing Scenarios and Managing Risks](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance, April 23, 2020.

[Cross Border M&A - 2019 Checklist for Successful Acquisitions in the United States](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation, January 30, 2019.

[Cross-Border M&A -- 2018 Checklist for Successful Acquisitions in the United States](#), in Columbia Law School's Blog on Corporations and the Capital Markets, January 10, 2018.

["Just Say No" - The Long-Term Value of the Poison Pill](#), in Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation, December 18, 2015.

[District Court Denies Preliminary Injunction in FTC's "Potential Competition" Merger Case](#), in Bank and Corporate Governance Law Reporter Volume 55 Number 3, November 2015.

[Important Questions About Activist Hedge Funds](#), in The Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation, March 9, 2013.

Sovereign Wealth Funds: An Overview, in Sovereign Investment: Concerns and Policy Reactions (Karl P. Sauvant, et al ed.) (UK: Oxford University Press, 2012).