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Mark Gordon is a partner and 30-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 strategic advisor to G100 Board Excellence, a series of annual directors' conferences focused on enhancing board performance and the effectiveness of CEO, management, and board

interactions, where he contributes to program development and works with attending directors, and

- a trustee of the Yale Daily News Foundation.

His recent M&A representations include:

- **Analog Devices** in its \$1.5 billion acquisition of Empower Semiconductor
- **Gibraltar Industries** in its \$1.335 billion acquisition of OmniMax International
- **LKQ Corporation** in the \$410m sale of its Self Service segment to Pacific Avenue Capital Partners
- **Teck Resources** in its \$69 billion merger of equals with Anglo American
- **Premier** in its \$2.6 billion acquisition by an affiliate of Patient Square Capital
- **The AZEK Company** in its \$8.75 billion acquisition by James Hardie Industries
- **Jazz Pharmaceuticals** in its \$935 million all-cash acquisition of Chimerix
- **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

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[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.

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

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