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Matthew M. Guest, a partner at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, is a corporate and transactional lawyer who primarily focuses on advising public companies on strategic matters, acquisitions and dispositions, dispute resolutions, securities law matters, takeover defense and general corporate matters. A substantial portion of his practice involves representing banks and other financial services companies.

*Selected recent publicly disclosed representations include:*

- **Capital One** in its pending \$5.15 billion acquisition of Brex and its 2025 acquisition of Discover
- **Webster Financial** in its pending \$12.2 billion acquisition by Santander
- **Comerica** in its \$10.9 billion merger with Fifth Third Bancorp
- **The Charles Schwab Corporation** in its pending \$660 million acquisition of Forge Global Holdings and numerous other transactions
- **Chemours** in numerous transactions and settlements
- **TowneBank** in its \$203 million acquisition of Old Point Financial Corporation and its \$476 million acquisition of Dogwood State Bank
- **Wells Fargo** in its sale of its non-agency commercial mortgage servicing business
- **Bremer Financial Corporation** in its \$1.4 billion sale to Old National Bancorp
- **Southport Acquisition Corporation** in its \$1.6 billion merger with Angel Studios

- **CapStar Financial Holdings** in its \$344 million sale to Old National Bancorp

*Selected historical publicly disclosed matters include:*

- **Capital One** in many transactions, including the acquisitions of ING Direct USA, the HSBC U.S. card business, Chevy Chase Bank, and numerous card partnerships and acquisitions and dispositions of card portfolios and other businesses
- **Valley National Bancorp** in its acquisition of Bank Leumi USA and in other transactions and capital markets issuances
- **Webster Financial** in numerous transactions
- **Thermo Fisher Scientific** in numerous acquisitions, including Patheon, FEI, Life Technologies, Affymetrix and Dionex
- **South State Corporation** in its 2020 merger-of-equals with CenterState Bank Corporation, its 2017 acquisition of Park Sterling and numerous prior acquisitions
- **The Strategic Development Committee of the Board of TD Ameritrade** in TD Ameritrade's 2020 merger with The Charles Schwab Corporation, as well as TD Ameritrade in its 2017 acquisition of Scottrade and numerous other transactions
- **BB&T** in its merger-of-equals with SunTrust, and numerous other acquisitions, including the acquisitions of Susquehanna Bancshares and Bank of Kentucky
- Several of the most significant transactions arising out of the financial crisis, including **Wells Fargo** in its acquisition of Wachovia, **Bank of America** in its acquisition of Merrill Lynch and **PNC** in its acquisition of National City
- Representing **numerous banks** on bids for and acquisitions of failed banks from the FDIC
- Representing a **principal party** to more than 50 community bank mergers
- Representing **major financial institutions** on dozens of acquisitions of, and non-control investments in, financial technology businesses and teams

Matt Guest has been named [MVP by Law360](#), [Dealmaker of the Year by American Lawyer](#), and one of the [500 Leading Dealmakers in America by Lawdragon](#).

Mr. Guest graduated from Yale Law School. While at Yale, he was notes editor of Volume 109 of the *Yale Law Journal*. Prior to attending law school, Matt received his A.B. in Economics and International Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he graduated with highest distinction and honors and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. Matt is a member of the Board of the Arts and Sciences

Foundation at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## Recent Publications

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

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

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[The 2018 Dealmakers of the Year: Matthew Guest](#), in The American Lawyer, April 2018.

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[FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DEVELOPMENTS 2012 -The Outlook for M&A](#), in The Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation, February 16, 2012.