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Matthew T. Carpenter is a partner in the corporate department at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz.

Matt's practice focuses on mergers, acquisitions and dispositions, securities matters, takeover and shareholder activism defense and corporate governance. He has advised a broad range of public and private clients across multiple industries, including financial services, technology, media and telecomm, sports, life sciences, real estate and private equity.

Matt received an A.B. *magna cum laude* from Bowdoin College in 2010, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and received the Paul H. Douglas Prize in Economics. He received his J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law in 2016, where he was elected to the Order of the Coif. Matt serves as a member of the Make-A-Wish Metro New York Junior Board.

Matt's recent representations include:

- **Janus Henderson's** Special Committee in its $7.9 billion sale to Trian and General Catalyst, the largest asset management transaction of 2025, and in the Special Committee's response to an unsolicited interloping bid and public takeover contest by Victory Capital
- **OpenAI** in its acquisition of io products and collaboration with Jony Ive, and its acquisitions of Statsig, Neptune and Software Applications Incorporated
- **Capital One** in its $35.3 billion acquisition of Discover and in numerous other transactions, including its $5.1 billion acquisition of Brex and its cross-border acquisition of Velocity Black

- **Global Payments** in multiple transactions, including:
  - its $24.25 billion acquisition of Worldpay from FIS and GTCR and concurrent $13.5 billion sale of Global Payments’ Issuer Solutions business to FIS, the two largest financial institutions transactions of 2025
  - the $1.1 billion sale of its payroll business to Acrisure
  - the $1 billion sale of its Netspend consumer business to Rêv Worldwide and Searchlight Capital
- **Coinbase** in its participation in Open Standard and the Open USD stablecoin
- **Pursuit Sports** in its exclusive agreement with the National Hockey League to explore a $3.5 billion NHL expansion in Texas
- **The PGA Tour** in its up to $3 billion investment by Strategic Sports Group in PGA TOUR Enterprises
- **Creative Artists Agency** in multiple transactions, including:
  - the acquisition by Artémis, the investment company of the Pinault family, of a majority stake in CAA
  - its acquisition of ICM Partners
  - its acquisition of full ownership of the business of CAA-GBG Global Brand Management Group
- **Clearlake Capital** in its sale of Concert Golf Partners and acquisition of Qualus Corp.
- **Prosperity Bancshares** in its $2 billion acquisition of Stellar Bancorp and its acquisitions of American Bank Holding Corporation and Southwest Bancshares
- **Synovus** in its $17 billion all-stock combination with Pinnacle Financial Partners
- **Huntington Bancshares** in its $22 billion merger with TCF Financial and related branch divestitures
- **Webster Financial** in multiple transactions, including its $10.3 billion merger of equals with Sterling Bancorp
- **W.R. Grace & Co.** in its $7 billion all-cash sale to Standard Industries
- **Bluerock Residential Growth REIT** in its $3.6 billion sale to Blackstone Real Estate and simultaneous spin-off of its single-family rental business into a publicly traded REIT
- **Financial Engines** in its $3 billion all-cash sale to Hellman & Friedman
- **AECOM** in multiple transactions, including:

    - the $2.4 billion carve-out sale of its Management Services business to American Securities and Lindsay Goldberg
    - the carve-out sale of its power construction business to affiliates of CriticalPoint Capital
    - the carve-out sale of its civil construction business to affiliates of Oroco Capital

- **Rockefeller Capital Management** in its sale of a minority interest to IGM Financial for more than $600 million
- **Thermo Fisher Scientific** in its $550 million acquisition of Mesa Biotech and its cross-border offer to acquire Qiagen NV
- **Opendoor Technologies** in strategic partnership transactions

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.

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

The Shareholder in France and the United States: A Comparative Analysis of Corporate Legal Priorities, in Business & Law Review, Business & Law Association (Paris), 17th ed. 2020. (Also available on the Oxford Business Law Blog, Columbia Law School's Blog on Corporations and the Capital Markets and SSRN.)