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Steven P. Winter is a partner in the Litigation Department at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. His practice focuses on representing corporations and directors in litigation involving mergers and acquisitions, derivative and class action lawsuits, and complex commercial disputes.

Mr. Winter's representations include, among others:

- Alex Rodriguez and Marc Lore in their arbitration victory to compel Glen Taylor to sell his remaining ownership interests in the Minnesota Timberwolves, paving the way for Lore and Rodriguez to become controlling owners of the team;
- Dyal Capital Partners in defeating multi-front expedited litigation seeking to prevent its \$12 billion merger with Owl Rock and the formation of the new publicly traded firm Blue Owl;
- Philip Morris USA in multi-forum litigation against R.J. Reynolds and ITG Brands to enforce obligations under state tobacco settlements, recovering hundreds of millions of dollars following victories at summary judgment and in settlements after trial;
- Special Litigation Committee of Walmart's Board of Directors in investigation and settlement of derivative litigation relating to the sale of opioids;
- Michael Dell in defense and settlement of class action challenging Dell's \$24 billion acquisition of its VMware tracking stock;
- Goldman Sachs in securing dismissal of professional malpractice claims relating to its representation of a client in private equity buyout;

- HP Inc. in its successful defense against \$35 billion hostile bid by Xerox and activist campaign by Carl Icahn; and
- Ancestry.com in precedent-setting appraisal trial victory in the Delaware Court of Chancery.

Since joining the firm in 2008, Mr. Winter has worked on many of the firm's other high-profile matters and transactions as well as multiple financial-crisis era matters for JPMorgan, including a complete summary judgment victory in multi-billion dollar litigation brought by the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy estate and the resolution of class actions, bankruptcy litigation, and federal regulatory investigations arising out of MF Global's collapse and Madoff's fraud.

Mr. Winter has been recognized as one of the 500 Leading Litigators in America by *Lawdragon*, a Litigation Star by *Benchmark Litigation*, and a Rising Star by *Super Lawyers* for six consecutive years.

Mr. Winter received a B.A. *summa cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania in 2005 and a J.D. from Yale Law School in 2008, where he was a senior editor of the *Yale Law Journal*. Following law school, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Pierre N. Leval of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and to the Honorable Kimba M. Wood of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Clerkships

Honorable Pierre N. Leval, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 2010–2011

Honorable Kimba M. Wood, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, 2009–2010