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## Education

J.D., University of Pennsylvania  
Law School, 2010

B.A., Duke University, 2005

## Bar Admissions

New York

California

Demetrius Warrick is a corporate attorney focusing on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, securities and general corporate law. Mr. Warrick regularly advises public and private clients in a variety of corporate matters, including strategic acquisitions, divestitures, auctions, strategic investments, reorganizations, financial advisor engagements and joint ventures. He also has represented many companies with respect to shareholder activism, takeover preparedness, unsolicited proposals, contested proxy solicitations and other contests for corporate control. In addition, he has advised clients in designing and implementing shareholder rights plans and other corporate protective measures.

Examples of Mr. Warrick's experience include representation of:

- Waldencast Acquisition Corp. in connection with its business combination transaction with Obagi Cosmeceuticals and Milk Makeup
- FedEx Inc. in connection with its activism defense and eventual settlement with D. E. Shaw
- Semtech Corporation in connection with its activism defense and settlement with Lion Point
- Oceansound Partners in various matters, including its strategic investment in Lynx Software Technologies
- NextGen Acquisition Corp. II in connection with its business combination transaction with Virgin Orbit
- NextGen Acquisition Corp. in connection with its business combination transaction with Xos Inc.
- Dentsply Sirona in connection with various matters, including its acquisitions of Byte and Propel Orthodontics
- CoreLogic Inc. in connection with its activist defense and proxy contest against Senator Investment Group and Cannae
- Mars, Incorporated in connection with various matters, including its acquisition of one of the largest privately owned chains of freestanding veterinary hospitals in the U.S.
- Hg in connection with various matters, including its acquisition of Litera Microsystems and its investment, alongside TA Associates, in Insight Software
- ECI Software Solutions, Inc. in connection with its acquisition of Shoptech Industrial Software Corp.
- Intel Corporation in connection with its joint venture with TPG Capital, L.P. to form an independent cybersecurity company called McAfee
- Social Finance in connection with various matters, including its acquisition of a U.S. technology company
- Navient Corporation in its proxy fight and settlement with Canyon Capital Advisors
- Pier 1 Imports, Inc. in connection with various matters, including its adoption of a shareholder rights plan and activism defense in response to activist shareholder Alden Global Capital LLC
- PFA Pension Forsikringsaktieselskab in connection with its participation in an investor consortium for purposes of acquiring InterPark, the largest owner-operated parking infrastructure in the U.S.

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- The Howard Gilman Foundation in connection with its sale of the operations of the Gilman Companies to West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd.
  - Aurinia Pharmaceuticals in connection with its successful proxy contest against dissident ILJIN SNT
  - Lumber Liquidators in connection with various matters, including its response to a threatened unsolicited proposal from a dissident and its response to a threatened proxy contest by dissident shareholders
  - Fox Sports Network in connection with various matters, including several joint venture agreements with Major League Baseball, and its acquisition of a U.S. sports technology platform
  - Harland Clarke Holding Corp. in connection with various matters, including in connection with its sale of Faneuil, Inc. to ALJ Regional Holding
  - Dean Foods Company in connection with its sale of its Morningstar Foods division to Saputo Inc.
  - Thomas Properties Group Inc. in connection with its stock-for-stock merger with Parkway Properties Inc.

In 2023, Mr. Warrick was named a Rising Star by the Minority Corporate Counsel Association and honored as a Diversity Initiative Winner by the *New York Law Journal* in recognition of his “significant contributions to progressing diversity and inclusion efforts in New York’s legal community.” He has been a member of Skadden’s Black and African American Affinity Network since joining the firm in 2011 and served as a member of the Steering Committee from 2015-18.

## Publications

- “Market Changes and the Emergence of New Players Together Are Impacting Activism,” *Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance*, July 11, 2023
- “Changes in the Market and the Emergence of New Players Together Are Impacting Activism,” *Skadden Insights*, June 2023
- “Corporate Governance Feature: Activism Landscape Continues To Evolve,” *The M&A Lawyer*, February 2022
- “Activism Landscape Continues To Evolve,” *Westlaw Today*, February 7, 2022, *Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance*, February 7, 2022, and *Skadden’s 2022 Insights*, January 19, 2022
- “Needs of Strategics, PE Firms and SPACs Led to Record US M&A Levels, Likely To Sustain Dealmaking in 2022,” *Skadden’s 2022 Insights*, January 19, 2022
- “Shareholder Activism Trends in the 2019 Proxy Season,” *Skadden Insights*, April 2019
- “INSIGHT: Shareholder Activism-Boards Need to Assess Vulnerabilities,” *Bloomberg Law*, March 19, 2019