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Education

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

B.A., Duke University, 2005

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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 mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, auctions, strategic investments, reorganizations 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.

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

- Revance Therapeutics in connection with several transactions, including its:
 - merger with Crown Laboratories
 - amendment to its commercial agreement with Teoxane S.A.
- Dentsply Sirona in connection with several transactions and corporate matters, including its:
 - acquisition of Byte
 - acquisition of Propel Orthodontics
 - strategic investment in a dental supply company
- Mars, Incorporated in connection with numerous transactions and corporate matters, including its:
 - acquisition Champion Petfoods
 - acquisition of Pet Partners
 - disposition of its private label pet food business
- IAC in its acquisition of Care.com
- OceanSound Partners and its portfolio companies in connection with several transactions, including:
 - OceanSound's acquisition of a majority stake in Lynx Software Technologies
 - Lynx's acquisitions of Timesys, CoreAVI and Thompson Software Solutions
- Waldencast Acquisition Corp. in connection with its business combination transaction with Obagi Cosmeceuticals and Milk Makeup
- 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.
- Hg in connection with numerous transactions, including its:
 - acquisition of Litera Microsystems
 - investment in Insight Software (alongside TA Associates)
- 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

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- Social Finance in connection with various transactions, including its acquisition of a U.S. technology company
 - Criteo in connection with its shareholder activism defense against Petrus Advisers
 - Freyr Battery in connection with its cooperation agreement with Teknovest Invest AS
 - FedEx Inc. in connection with various corporate governance matters and shareholder activism defense, including its cooperation agreement with D. E. Shaw
 - Semtech Corporation in connection with its shareholder activism defense and cooperation agreement with Lion Point
 - CoreLogic Inc. in connection with its activist defense and proxy contest against Senator Investment Group and Cannae
 - 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 a consortium to acquire InterPark
 - The Howard Gilman Foundation in connection with its sale of the Gilman Companies
 - Aurinia Pharmaceuticals in connection with its successful proxy contest against dissident ILJIN SNT
 - Lumber Liquidators in connection with various matters, including its response to an unsolicited proposal and proxy contest
 - Fox Sports Network in connection with various matters, including:
 - joint venture arrangements between Major League Baseball and regional sports networks
 - its acquisition of a U.S. sports technology platform
 - Harland Clarke Holding Corp. in connection with various matters, including its sale of Faneuil, Inc.
 - Dean Foods Company in connection with its sale of Morningstar Foods
 - Thomas Properties Group Inc. in connection with its merger with Parkway Properties Inc.

In recognition of his work, Mr. Warrick has been selected for inclusion in *Chambers USA* and named one of Lawdragon's 500 Leading Global Entertainment, Sports & Media Lawyers. In 2024, Mr. Warrick was recognized as a Notable Black Leader by *Crain's New York Business*. 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

"How To Guard Against a Short Attack, and How To Respond if Faced With One," *Westlaw Today*, September 27, 2023, and *Skadden Publication*, September 2023

"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