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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.

Recent publicly disclosed representations include:

- **Capital One** in numerous transactions
- **Chemours** in numerous transactions and settlements
- **CapStar Financial Holdings** in its pending sale to Old National Bancorp, 2020 acquisitions of FCB Corporation and the Bank of Waynesboro, and in its 2018 acquisition of Athens Bancshares
- **Valley National Bancorp** in its acquisition of Bank Leumi USA
- **Webster Financial** in numerous transactions
- **Thermo Fisher Scientific** in numerous acquisitions
- **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

Matt Guest was named [MVP by Law360](#) for 2020 and Dealmaker of the Year by *American Lawyer* in 2018. 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.

Recent Publications

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