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Selected recent representations by Mr. Norwitz include: S&P Global in its \$44 billion merger with IHS Markit, for which he was named a Dealmaker of the Year by *American Lawyer* magazine (and previously in the separation of McGraw Hill Education, its joint venture with CME Group to form S&P/Dow Jones Indices, and several acquisitions); AerojetRocketdyne in its sale to L3Harris; Whole Foods in its sale to Amazon.com and its response to shareholder activism; Medivation in its sale to Pfizer; Dollar Tree in its contested acquisition of Family Dollar Stores; eBay in connection with a proxy contest by Carl Icahn, and its spinoff of PayPal, Inc.; Creative Artists Agency LLP in connection with its restructuring and sale of a controlling interest to TPG Group; and numerous transactions for AT&T, Ventas, Novartis and Danaher Corporation.

Mr. Norwitz teaches a course in Mergers and Acquisitions at Columbia University School of Law. He is a former chair of the New York City Bar Committee on Mergers and Acquisitions and Corporate Control

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Born in Cape Town, South Africa, Mr. Norwitz received his Bachelor of Business Science with first class honors from the University of Cape Town in 1986. On a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University, he read law at Keble College, graduating with first class honors in 1989, and then completed an LL.M. at Columbia University in 1990. He joined the firm in 1994 and was named partner in 1998.

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