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Edward J. Lee is a partner at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. Ed's practice focuses on both friendly and hostile mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and complex capital markets transactions. He also frequently advises companies and their boards of directors on takeover defense and shareholder activism situations. He has advised a broad range of public and private clients across many industries, both within and outside of the United States.

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Significant recent transactions include, among many others:

- **United Technologies** in its pending separation into three independent public companies.
- **Michael Kors Holdings** in its €1.83 billion acquisition of Gianni Versace S.p.A.
- **Frutarom Industries Ltd.** in its \$7.1 billion sale to International Flavors & Fragrances
- **Salesforce** in its \$6.5 billion acquisition of MuleSoft
- **Mondelēz International** in its acquisition of Tate's Bake Shop
- **Colgate-Palmolive Company** in its acquisitions of the EltaMD skin care brand and of the PCA Skin brand
- **Prysmian Group** in its \$3 billion acquisition of General Cable
- **United Technologies** in its \$30.3 billion acquisition of Rockwell Collins
- **Harman International Industries** in its \$8.8 billion acquisition by Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.
- **Regency Centers** in its \$15.6 billion merger with Equity One
- **Verizon Communications** in its \$4.83 billion acquisition of Yahoo!'s operating business
- **Tim Hortons Inc.** in its \$12.2 billion combination with Burger King Worldwide, Inc.

Ed received a B.S. from Cornell University and a J.D. *cum laude* from Harvard Law School.

In each of 2015-2018, Ed has been named a "Rising Star" by Expert Guides in the Corporate / M&A category. IFLR1000 has recognized Ed as a leading lawyer and as "highly regarded" within the M&A practice. Recently, Ed was one of only six mergers and acquisitions lawyers recognized by Law360 as Rising Stars under 40. Ed is a frequent speaker on M&A and shareholder activism, including co-chairing PLI's Shareholder Activism conference in 2018.

Ed is a David Rockefeller Fellow, Class of 2017-2018, and a member of the Legal Advisory Group for the Partnership for New York City's Innovation Council. Ed is also currently a member of the Council of Korean Americans, Co-Chair of the Corporate Law Committee of the Asian American Bar Association of New York, and a member of the Leadership Advisory Council of the Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York. Ed serves on the Board of Directors of Cornell University's College of Human Ecology Alumni Association.

Ed lives in Manhattan with his wife, son and daughter.