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Caroline B. Gottschalk is Of Counsel at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in the Firm's Corporate Department, having spent more than 32 years advising clients on mergers and acquisitions and other corporate transactions. Caroline has advised public and private companies, private equity funds, founders and investment banks in a wide range of complex corporate matters, including domestic and international mergers and acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, divestitures, strategic investments, spin-offs, joint ventures and special committee representations. Caroline has regularly counseled boards of directors with respect to strategic advice, fiduciary duties and corporate governance matters, including shareholder activism and

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