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Alan Klein has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions, as well as in shareholder activism and corporate governance matters. Alan's recent experience includes representing the Board of Directors of Twitter in connection with the sale of Twitter to Elon Musk. He has also assisted Microsoft in its \$75 billion acquisition of Activision Blizzard, ChemChina in its \$43 billion acquisition of Syngenta, Tyco in its \$20 billion merger with Johnson Controls, Inc., Cisco Systems in its announced \$28 billion acquisition of Splunk and The ADT Corporation in its \$15 billion sale to Apollo Group Management. In addition to the Activision Blizzard transaction, Alan has represented Microsoft on many other marquee deals: its \$28.2 billion acquisition of

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### PRACTICE FOCUS

Mergers and Acquisitions Corporate Corporate – M&A  
Corporate Governance  
Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and Sustainability  
Shareholder Activism Strategic Alternatives

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### INDUSTRIES

Healthcare FinTech Technology

LinkedIn, its \$7.2 billion acquisition of Nokia's phone business, its \$8.5 billion acquisition of Skype and its investment in Barnes & Noble's Nook business. Other clients have included Best Buy, Chinalco, Royal Ahold, Gas Natural S.A., Portugal Telecom, Gerdau Ameristeel, Bavaria S.A., TE Connectivity and Owens-Illinois. Alan was recognized as one of *The American Lawyer's* 2023 "Dealmakers of the Year" for his work advising Twitter's Board of Directors in the company's \$44 billion acquisition by Elon Musk. Alan was named a 2017 "M&A Trailblazer" by the *National Law Journal*. In 2012, *The American Lawyer* named Alan a "Dealmaker of the Year." During his time in the 1990s in our London office, he worked on the merger of Glaxo and Wellcome, at the time one of the largest M&A deals in history. Past Co-Chair of the International Bar Association's Corporate and M&A Law Committee, he has chaired the International Bar Association's Annual Mergers and Acquisitions Conference in New York City for the past seven years. He is a frequent commentator on M&A issues. Alan served as Co-Head of the Firm's Mergers and Acquisitions Practice from 2016 to 2021 and is a former member of the Firm's Executive Committee.