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Joseph P. (“Joe”) Gromacki is a senior partner at the law firm of Jenner & Block LLP, where he chairs the firm’s global corporate/transactional practice and serves on the firm’s governing committee. He received his Bachelor’s Degree in History from Yale College and his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. Joe was born and grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Professionally, Joe represents a wide range of public and private companies in mergers and acquisitions and securities and capital markets transactions. Recognized as one of the nation’s leading corporate attorneys, he also counsels public companies and their boards on issues of corporate governance, fiduciary duties and disclosure matters. His clients include General Motors Company, General Dynamics Corporation and Archer Daniels Midland, among others. He was recognized by *The American Lawyer* as one of 2015’s Dealmakers of the Year for his representation of Archer Daniels Midland in its \$1.3 billion sale of its global cocoa business to Olam International and the \$440 million sale of its global chocolate business to Cargill. The 2015 recognition marks the third time in Joe’s career that he has been recognized by *The American Lawyer* for this award. In 2011, he was recognized as a Dealmaker of the Year for his representation of General Motors in connection with its \$23.1 billion IPO in 2010. He was also named a Dealmaker of the Year in 2008 for his representation of Sam Zell in the Tribune Company’s \$8.2 billion going-private transaction in 2007. Since 2004, Chambers & Partners USA has named Joe one of the leading US lawyers in corporate and M&A law. He has also been recognized by many other organizations, including the Best Lawyers in America, Illinois Super Lawyers, Lawdragon Magazine and the Leading Lawyers Network, which published a profile about his career in 2007.

Joe is an active patron of the arts, serving on the boards of the Art Institute of Chicago, the Terra Foundation for American Art (where he also serves as board chair), the Milwaukee Art Museum, the Richard Driehaus Museum and several other museums and arts organizations. He

is a member of the National Trust Council, a supporting organization for the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Trustees Council of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. He also serves on the boards of the Chicago Botanic Garden and the Kew Foundation America, which supports the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, outside London. Additionally, Joe serves as a trustee and president of the Layton Art Collection, which owns an important collection of art that is exhibited at the Milwaukee Art Museum. Joe also chairs the board of trustees of Historic Deerfield, a museum of New England history and art dedicated to the heritage and preservation of Deerfield, Massachusetts. He serves on the board of the Illinois Governor's Mansion Association and played a key role in a major restoration project at the Governor's Mansion in Springfield, Illinois, and is a Trustee Emeritus at Landmarks Illinois.

Joe is a collector of seventeenth- and early eighteenth-century American furniture and related decorative arts, fine art and rare and antiquarian books. He is also an avid gardener, with a keen interest in heirloom plants, including herbs, fruits, vegetables and flowers. Joe is also very interested in history and historic preservation. He lives in Chicago's Gold Coast neighborhood and spends his weekends at a farm in southeastern Wisconsin, which features an early eighteenth-century farmhouse from New England, heritage breeds of livestock, and gardens of historic design, populated with hundreds of varieties of plants that pre-date 1750 in terms of usage in British and colonial American gardens.

Joe is a member of The Chicago Club, The Casino Club, The Milwaukee Club, The Milwaukee Country Club and The Yale Club of New York City.