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Mario Ponce concentrates his practice on negotiated and hostile M&A transactions, proxy contests, restructurings, joint ventures and securities laws. He regularly represents strategic clients, investment banks and private equity firms. Mario also advises boards on corporate governance matters, fiduciary duties and shareholder activism. During his more than three decades of experience in mergers and acquisitions transactions, Mario has been engaged in numerous high-profile matters, and his clients have included Alpharma, Inc., American Electric Power, Aramark Corporation, Arch Coal, Blue Buffalo Pet Products, Borg Warner, Eaton Corporation, Emerson Electric Co., Ferro Corporation, General Instrument Corporation,

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