

Shareholder activism defense

- We have a dedicated Shareholder Activism Task Force which includes a team of lawyers from our corporate governance, takeover defense, and litigation practices. This multi-disciplinary approach allows us to respond effectively to virtually any type of activist situation. We advise our clients on shareholder activism before it happens by taking into account the views of activists and institutional shareholders when advising on items such as corporate governance, executive compensation, and shareholder engagement. We have a unique insight into the tactics and practices regularly used by activist investors because we have advised hundreds of public company clients, most of which have had interactions with activists.
- One of our core team members held a high-level position in the SEC's Office of Mergers & Acquisitions (OMA), which regulates proxy contest disclosure and closely monitors developments in shareholder activism. We also have close working relationships with all of the major PR firms and proxy solicitors enabling us to work seamlessly with them to effectively craft messages and communications.

Papa John's International and its independent directors in a feud with its founder and US\$250m investment by Starboard Value LP.

*Activist Campaign of the Year,
The Deal Awards, 2019*