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Gary M Epstein is a principal shareholder of Greenberg Traurig, where he heads the national corporate and securities practice of the firm and co-chairs the Israel Practice.

An attorney with more than 25 years of legal experience, he counsels corporations in all phases of their transactional and financing activities. Through frequent business trips to Israel, he has connected numerous companies in Israel to joint venture partners, potential funding sources and to technology, intellectual property, and global trade attorneys, as well as representing businesses in various corporate matters.

Recently he has represented a wide range of clients including:

- IVAX Corporation in its \$10 billion merger with TEVA Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.;
- The Seminole Tribe of Florida and its subsidiary, Seminole Hard Rock Entertainment, Inc., in the \$1 billion acquisition of Hard Rock International, Inc. from The Rank Group Plc;
- Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. in its \$3.5 billion merger with Fortress Investment Group LLC;
- Concert promoter Live Nation in its agreement to bring pop music icon Madonna from her current label, Warner Bros. Records, to a newly formed division of Live Nation, and provide a full range of services, including concert touring, merchandising, and website management; and
- Absolute Hockey Enterprises in its purchase of the Tampa Bay Lightning of the National Hockey League.

Gary is consistently recognized as a leader in the legal profession by both business and legal industry publications, including *Corporate Board Member*, *Business Leader*, *The Legal 500* and *Practical Law Company's "Which Lawyer?"* Highly ranked by well-known independent legal industry directory *Chambers & Partners Guide*, (recognized as a "star performer," a category that surpasses a #1 ranking for individual lawyers), clients and peers called him "an extraordinary lawyer who has made his name through hard work, not through marketing" and stated "there is virtually no one like him for big-ticket M&A." (2008 edition of the *Chambers USA Guide*.) He has also been included in *The Best Lawyers in America* for the past 24 years.

A graduate of Harvard Law School, Gary is the former Chairman of the Board of the American Israel Chamber of Commerce in Florida and the former President of the Miami Beach Jewish Community Center.