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OVERVIEW

Craig S. Heryford's practice is concentrated in the area of mergers and acquisitions, venture capital and corporate finance matters as well as the representation of mature and emerging businesses. He has experience in a wide variety of commercial transactions, including numerous corporate finance and venture capital funding transactions involving both equity and debt, as well as merger and acquisition and private equity transactions.

Craig regularly represents investors, including private equity and venture-based investors, in portfolio investments and acquisition and divestiture transactions. His Mergers & Acquisitions experience ranges from public company to middle-market privately held company transactions on both the buy and the sell side in industries from manufacturing, technology, financial services to retail and professional services.

Craig is the chair of the firm's Business Services Section and Business Transactions Practice Group.

Craig has acted as lead counsel in transactions with enterprise values ranging from greater than \$2 billion to less than \$10 million. In addition, he regularly acts as general counsel for a number of clients. Mr. Heryford assisted a client in the successful closing and funding of one of the largest early stage venture capital equity financings consummated in the United States.

Craig is a frequent lecturer on corporate, finance and business law matters. Commencing in 2001 he has been consecutively recognized in the *Chambers Guide to America's Leading Business Lawyers*. Since 2006, he has been consistently selected to the *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* list. Since 2007, he has been named to *The Best Lawyers in America*® list and was named as a 2016 and 2018 "Lawyer of the Year" in the review guide's Business Finance Law and Mergers and Acquisitions category.

Craig is active in the communities within which he works and lives and currently serves on the Boards of a number of community and economic development organizations. Craig is an Adjunct Professor of Law at The University of Pittsburgh School of Law where he teaches classes on Entrepreneurship and Business Planning and the representation of emerging and entrepreneurial businesses.

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New York

Memberships

- Private Equity and Venture Capital Subcommittee, American Bar Association Section of Business Law
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- New York Bar Association
- Allegheny County Bar Association
- Board Member of numerous privately-held business organizations and community based non-profit organizations
- Adjunct Professor, University of Pittsburgh School of Law – Business Planning and Entrepreneurship
- Past member, National Advisory Board, Commercial Finance Association
- Association for Corporate Growth
- Pittsburgh Venture Capital Association

Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, Duquesne University School of Law, 1984
 - Editor-in-Chief, Duquesne Law Review

- B.S. and B.F.A., *cum laude*, Business and Music, The Ohio State University, 1980

Honors

- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers*, Corporate, Mergers & Acquisitions and Finance (2001-present)
- *Best Lawyers in America*® distinction in Banking and Finance Law (2007-2025), Corporate Law (2017-2025), and Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2017-2025)
- *Best Lawyers in America*® distinction in Pennsylvania: "2016 Lawyer of the Year" (Banking and Finance law) and "2018 Lawyer of the Year" (Mergers & Acquisitions law).