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Business Litigation

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Craig Weiner counsels corporations, high-net-worth individuals, investment banks, celebrities, professional athletes, influencers, private equity/hedge funds, and venture companies in litigation, crisis management, and strategic planning. Often called upon to manage high-stakes, emergency situations, clients value his calm and strategic insight as well as his experience and skill at crafting novel solutions for complex problems.

Craig guides clients through high-stakes litigation and contentious negotiations as well as helps facilitate joint ventures and strategic alliances. His practice includes complex financial and investment cases, prosecuting and defending defamation and legal and professional malpractice cases, high-stakes employment litigation, business divorces, fraud actions, and bankruptcy and reorganization, having previously served as debtor's authorized representative and lead counsel in adversary proceedings.

Craig's extensive venture capital and private equity experience includes working closely with domestic and foreign hedge funds, venture companies, high-net-worth individuals, and government funds. He works with publicly traded and private clients in first- and second-round financings, negotiates and drafts sophisticated and complex contracts, and has in-depth experience advising on raising private equity, venture capital, and institutional money.

In addition to his national practice, Craig serves international clients, including private equity funds, high-net-worth families, and investors in Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Indonesia, China, and Vietnam. A resource for national media, Craig has appeared on *CNN* and *FOX*, and contributes thought leadership to *Bloomberg BNA*, *Bitcoin Magazine*, *Think Advisor*, and *Law360*, among others.

Select Engagements

- **Homeland Security Firm:** Represented a United Kingdom homeland security firm in an action alleging various claims, including breach of contract, conspiracy, and fraud. The U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey entered a preliminary injunction against the defendants, and a judgment of nearly \$6.4 million was subsequently obtained.
- **Panamanian Corporation:** Represented a Panamanian corporation in an action for breach of promissory notes. The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida entered a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction against the defendant. Ultimately, a settlement for the parties was reached.
- **Special Litigation Counsel for Debtor:** Appointed special litigation counsel for a debtor, including lead attorney, on a legal malpractice case resulting in a \$14.5 million settlement in favor of the debtor, in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Connecticut.
- **Offshore Private Equity Fund:** Represented an offshore private equity fund and its principals in a suit filed against them by an outside investor, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.
- **Venture Capital:** Represented the venture capital arm of a Malaysian agency and its U.S. portfolio companies in two separate litigations (U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington), as well as handled general corporate and investment work for the fund and its portfolio companies.
- **Private Equity Litigation:** Represented three high-profile U.S. private equity funds on a D&O claim (New York Supreme Court).
- **U.S. and Overseas Investments Representation:** Represented an Asia-based private equity fund in the negotiation and drafting of U.S. and overseas investments.
- **Distressed Assets Fund:** Represented a distressed securities fund in its acquisition of the portfolio of a liquidating hedge fund.
- **International Arbitration:** Represented a Chinese company in an arbitration proceeding in Singapore.
- **Singapore-based University:** Represented a premier Singapore-based university in matters, including litigation (U.S. Bankruptcy Court) and corporate (contract).
- **Multinational Litigation:** Represented wealthy individuals and their private corporations (several different parties) in the seizure of bank assets by the Seychelles government. (Seychelles Courts and U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York).
- **Delaware Bankruptcy:** Represented parties in a large bankruptcy case involving preference claims and adversary proceedings involving an extensive litigation in a Delaware bankruptcy court arising from the sale of a disaster recovery company that was one of the largest Hurricane Katrina contractors in New Orleans.
- **High-Stakes Malpractice Claims:** Successfully represented parties in high-stakes legal and professional malpractice cases.
- **International Energy Transactions:** Represented several Chinese

companies on coal purchases from Indonesian mines.

- **Vietnamese Investor Group:** Represented a Vietnamese investor group in negotiations for the financing of a residential and commercial complex in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon).
- **Employment Litigation:** Represented a technology company in defending against employee sexual harassment claims (Portland, Oregon).
- **Golden Parachute Litigation:** Represented a business owner in a multimillion-dollar “golden parachute” lawsuit, resulting in a multimillion-dollar judgment (Suffolk County, NY).
- **U.S. Arbitration:** Represented the largest home infusion company in the tri-state area in an arbitration trial brought against them (AAA Chicago) pursuant to the indemnification clause in the sale/purchase agreement.
- **Product Liability Litigation:** Represented a former LBO company in numerous product liability suits (NY, NJ, and PA).
- **Reverse M&A:** Represented a private equity fund in the reverse merger acquisition of a spirits company with a public entity.
- **Patent Litigation:** Acted as overseeing counsel (including directing trial strategy and all negotiations) on a patent case filed for the infringement of technology patents.
- **Water Technology Company:** Represented a water technology company on licensing and issues, including a breach of license agreement by the licensees.
- **Prosecution of Animal Abuse:** Represented several individuals in animal abuse matters on behalf of their pets abused by a caretaking facility.
- **Private Equity Litigation:** Represented a private equity fund in a potential litigation in a home products breach of contract matter.
- **E-Commerce Trade Secret Litigation:** Represented a fashion company in a litigation involving theft of e-commerce trade secrets.
- **International High-Net-Worth Family:** Represented a wealthy Hong Kong family in various matters, including the retention of a wealth management group, investment opportunities, and employee hires.
- **Green Energy Trade Secret Litigation:** Represented a solar company in a trade secret action.
- **Hedge Fund Litigation:** Represented a former hedge fund principal in an indemnification claim made pursuant to a buy-out agreement (New York Supreme Court).
- **Production Company Counseling:** Represented a L.A.-based production company in a corporate/shareholder and investment structure, as well as the licensing of content and distribution.

Admissions

- New York

Education

- Lehigh University, BS

- Albany Law School, JD

Recognitions

- 2021–2024, “Litigation Star” in New York and Nationally for Bankruptcy, Commercial, Employment, and International Arbitration, listed in *Benchmark Litigation*
- 2019, “Finance, Banking & Capital Market Trailblazer,” listed in the *National Law Journal*