



Jack Gravelle

Jack is a partner in the firm's Corporate Department and the practice group leader of the Corporate & Securities group. He practices in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, business growth and operation, and corporate securities.

He helps companies expand through investment, acquisitions, divestitures and commercial relationships; and he helps businesses manage risk and comply with federal and state securities laws.

As mergers and acquisitions counsel, Jack structures, negotiates and documents stock and asset purchases as well as sales, mergers, reorganizations, spinoffs, consolidations and other major corporate events impacting ownership, including business succession planning. He represents buyers and sellers in transactions across a range of industries, such as energy, manufacturing, technology, retail, banking and telecommunications. Jack is well-versed in the sale and purchase of electric power generation and transmission assets.

He helps emerging, high-growth and sustaining businesses raise and attract capital by providing advice about formation, capital structure and corporate finance and ownership, including angel investment, venture capital, private equity investment, strategic joint ventures, private placements, shareholder agreements, buy-sell agreements, voting agreements, investor rights and equity compensation. Jack provides further counsel on non-competition, consulting arrangements, proprietary rights agreements, licensing, customer and vendor contracts, and general corporate law.

Jack advises companies of all sizes regarding commercial investments and contractual arrangements, including wholesale and retail sales, reseller and distribution, manufacturing and supply, purchase orders, warranties, indemnification obligations, research and development agreements, joint ventures, professional and commercial services, logistics and licensing.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2005

Ohio University, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2001

SERVICES

Securities

- Regulatory compliance and corporate governance
- Equity, mezzanine and debt securities

Business Growth & Operation

- Corporate governance
- Business transactions
- Organization, planning and financing
- Board and committee counsel
- Venture capital and private equity
- Executive compensation
- Business succession planning

As corporate securities counsel, Jack helps public companies comply with securities laws and the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. His securities practice includes primary and secondary registered offerings, mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, minority and majority investments, spinoffs, stock splits, going-private transactions, stock repurchase programs and defensive takeover strategies. He regularly advises public companies about SEC compliance, periodic and current reports, registration statements, proxy solicitations, annual and special shareholder meetings, fair disclosure and transactions in public company stock, including insider trading and restricted securities.

Finally, Jack helps boards of directors of companies and nonprofit organizations manage corporate governance. He provides advice about conflicts of interest, fiduciary duties, related party transactions, compliance policies, board resolutions, proxy contests, contentious shareholder proposals, special investigations by boards of directors or committees, and board evaluations.

Bar Admissions

Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

Presentations

- “The Business of Being Self Employed: What You Need to Know to Establish & Run Your Business,” Central Ohio Pro Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, March 2, 2019
- “Five Legal Pitfalls Early Stage Companies Should Avoid,” Ohio Entrepreneur Expo 2018, April 27, 2018
- “Five Legal Pitfalls Early Stage Companies Should Avoid,” Cultivate, Oct. 10, 2017
- “Five Legal Pitfalls Early Stage Companies Should Avoid,” Innovate New Albany, Aug. 25, 2017
- “Nonprofit Board Service,” Ohio State Bar Association, December 2016
- “Structuring and Negotiating Earn-Outs,” Association for Corporate Growth, October 2016
- Ohio University Annual Pre-Law Day, November 2014
- “SEC Update: Staying Ahead of the Regulatory Curve,” Porter Wright, June 25, 2013
- “What Would You do if Your Network is Hacked?,” Porter Wright Information & Data Security Workshop Series, Feb. 16, 2011
- “Identity Theft and Law Enforcement in Breach Incidents,” Porter Wright, Jan. 20, 2011
- “Mergers & Acquisitions,” National Business Institute Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Dec. 9, 2010
- “Technical and Investigative Aspects of a Data Security Incident,” Porter Wright Information Privacy & Data Security Workshop Series, Oct. 27, 2010

SERVICES (CONTINUED)

Mergers & Acquisitions

- Transaction structuring

Entrepreneurship & Startups

- Capital raising
- Entity formation
- Operations, transactions and governance

Employee Benefits

- Equity and non-equity based incentive plans

Technology

- Social media

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Ohio State Bar Association
- Columbus Bar Association

**Honors | Awards**

- Martindale-Hubbell[®], AV Rating
- *Ohio Super Lawyers*[®], Rising Stars Edition, 2011-2013
- Order of the Coif
- Phi Beta Kappa

Community

- Columbus Early Learning Centers, Board Member
- Ohio Division of Securities, Capital Formation Outreach Group
- United Schools Network, Fifty 4 Fifty Member
- Leadership Columbus, Class of 2014
- Capital University Law School Paralegal Program, Adjunct Professor, 2007-2013