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OVERVIEW

J. Craig Walker concentrates his practice in corporate and securities transactions, representing acquiring and acquired companies in negotiated and unnegotiated acquisitions and representing issuers in the issuance of public equity and debt securities. He regularly counsels clients on compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley, Securities and Exchange Commission, and stock exchange regulations.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association (Section of Business Law)
- Chicago Bar Association (Securities Law Committee, Business Law Committee)

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Michigan Law School, 1983 (*cum laude*)
- A.B., Stanford University, 1979 (*with distinction*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Illinois

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Capital Markets
- Corporate Governance
- Debt Capital Markets
- Public Companies

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented Warn Industries, Inc., a subsidiary of LKQ Corporation in its acquisition of all of the assets of Fabtech Industries
- Represented LKQ Corporation in its acquisition of the business and assets of Green Bean Battery, LLC (“Green Bean”)
- Represented Boise Inc. in a \$95 million secondary offering of stock by its largest shareholder
- Represented Solo Cup Company in the sale of two non-core businesses
- U.S. counsel to Clean Power Operating Trust (a Canadian income fund) in its acquisition of 28 landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States for \$100 million
- U.S. Securities counsel to LKQ in its 1.5 billion euro acquisition of Stahlgruber, a German vehicle parts distributor
- Represented LKQ in the sale of the OEM glass manufacturing business of its Pittsburgh Glass Works subsidiary for \$310 million
- Represented LKQ in its \$635 million acquisition of Pittsburgh Glass Works, a vehicle glass manufacturer and distributor
- U.S. counsel to LKQ in its €1 billion acquisition of Rhiag, an Italian vehicle parts distributor
- Represented LKQ in its tender offer for, and acquisition of, The Coast Distribution System, a distributor of parts for recreational vehicles
- Represented LKQ in its \$450 million acquisition of Keyston Automotive Holdings, a distributor of specialty aftermarket equipment and accessories
- Represented Nuveen Long/Short Commodity Total Return Fund in its \$500 million initial public offering
- Represented Nuveen Diversified Commodity Fund in its \$232 million initial public offering
- Represented OfficeMax Incorporated in its self-tender offer for \$800 million of its common stock
- Represented OfficeMax Incorporated in its self-tender offer for \$1 billion of its outstanding debt
- Represented Boise Cascade Corporation in its acquisition of publicly held OfficeMax, Inc. for \$1.154 billion, consisting of a combination of cash and Boise Cascade common stock
- Represented Boise Inc. in its acquisition of the Hexacomb packaging business for \$125 million
- Represented Boise Inc. in its acquisition of Tharco Packaging for \$200 million
- Represented Boise Inc. in its sale of \$285 million of stock upon exercise of outstanding warrants
- Represented Southern Bakeries in its sale to Flowers Foods for \$90 million
- Represented Solo Cup Company in the sale of its Hoffmaster business for \$170 million

- Represented Hecla Mining Company in its acquisition of publicly-held Klondex Mines Ltd. for a total consideration of \$462 million, consisting of cash and Hecla common stock
- Represented Hecla Mining Company in its acquisition of publicly-held Mines Management, Inc.
- Represented Hecla Mining Company in its acquisition of publicly-held Revett Mining Company
- Represented Hecla Mining Company in its \$500 million note offering pursuant to Rule 144A
- U.S. counsel to Hecla Mining Company in its acquisition of publicly-held Aurizon Mines Ltd.
- Represented LKQ in its \$250 million acquisition of Warn Industries, a manufacturer and distributor of high performance vehicle equipment and accessories
- Represented LKQ in its £225 million acquisition of Euro Car Parts, a UK vehicle parts distributor
- Represented LKQ in its acquisition of Greenleaf Auto Recyclers, an auto recycler, from Schnitzer Steel, and related sale of certain assets by LKQ to Schnitzer
- Represented LKQ in its acquisition of Pick-Your-Part Auto Wrecking, an auto recycler
- Represented LKQ in \$370 million follow-on stock offering
- Represented LKQ in its acquisition of Keystone Automotive Industries, a publicly held aftermarket parts distributor, for \$811 million
- Represented LKQ in \$100 million follow-on stock offering
- Represented LKQ in \$75 million initial public offering