



# JAMES D. KRAUS

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### AKRON

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### PRACTICE AREAS

- Business
  - Mergers & Acquisitions
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### EDUCATION

- The University of Akron School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1983)
  - The University of Akron (B.A., 1979)
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### ADMISSIONS

- Ohio (1983)
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

### OVERVIEW

Beyond being a corporate lawyer, I act as both a business and legal advisor to my clients in the manufacturing, distribution, professional and services sectors. I serve my clients as their general counsel, helping them resolve their day to day issues as well as managing their complex transactional matters.

Clients seek my assistance in every stage of their business structuring, from their infancy as start-ups, to their times of capital maturity and growth, until they seek my counsel with business succession planning. During all of these phases I negotiate and draft licenses and purchase and sale documents for my clients, including the buying and selling of businesses and joint ventures.

My securities law experience is integral to expanding capital for existing companies as they prosper. My goal is to help all of my clients find success in their business endeavors, and to resolve any issues that may stand in the way of that success.

### AWARDS & HONORS

- *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>
- Best Lawyers<sup>®</sup> Corporate Law “Lawyer of the Year” award winner in Akron (2012)
- Ohio Super Lawyers<sup>®</sup>
- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating of AV<sup>®</sup> Preeminent<sup>™</sup>

### PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc., Director and Assistant Secretary
- Henry V. and Frances W. Christenson Foundation, Director and Secretary
- Kustom US, Inc., Board of Directors
- Bluecoats, Incorporated, Executive Committee, Secretary; Board of Directors
- The Sharon Golf Club, Secretary
- Leadership Akron Class XII
- Leadership Akron Alumni Association

### Past Affiliations

- Akron Zoological Park, Board of Trustees, Director and Vice-Chair



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- Keep Akron Beautiful, Inc., Director and Chair
- Bath Township Zoning Commission, Member and Chair
- Bath Township Blue Ribbon Commission
- The Health Education Center of Akron, Inc., Director and President
- Northwest Summit County Rotary, Inc.
- Revere Gridiron Club, Director and President

## EXPERIENCE

- Practice focuses on choice of entity, business succession and estate planning, mergers and acquisitions, real estate, securities and finance, and municipal law
- Joined the firm as an associate attorney in 1983; was elected partner in 1990