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Cedric Powell is a partner in the Corporate Practice Group in the firm's Washington, D.C. office.

Areas of Practice

He is a seasoned private equity, M&A attorney with extensive experience in middle market M&A transactions, representing private equity sponsors and their portfolio companies, strategic acquirers, and founders in both buy-side and sell-side transactions. Cedric's experience spans various industries, including aerospace and defense, manufacturing, food and beverage, national security, government services, retail, technology, chemical distribution, consumer packaged goods, grocery, third-party logistics, and healthcare to name a few. Additionally, Cedric regularly represents clients in various other corporate and transactional matters, including equity financings, strategic investments, joint ventures, and corporate governance.

Cedric co-chairs the DC Office's Diversity and Inclusion Office Working Group, the firm's Diversity and Inclusion Attorney Network (DIAN) and the firm's Black Lawyers Network. He also co-chairs the DC Office's Recruiting Committee.

Honors

"Ones to Watch," Best Lawyers, 2024

Recognized Lawyer - M&A/Corporate and Commercial, *Legal 500 US*, 2023

Minority Corporate Counsel Association - Pathways Advisory Council, 2023

Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA), Rising Star, 2021

Washington, D.C. Rising Star, *Super Lawyers*, 2019

Experience

Private Equity Representations

- Represents Arlington Capital Partners and its portfolio companies in various platform, add-on and divestiture transactions in the aerospace, defense, national security and government services sectors.
- Represents OpenGate Capital and its portfolio companies in various platform and add-on acquisitions and divestiture transactions in the chemical manufacturing and distribution and general manufacturing sectors.
- Represented Audax Private Equity in add-on acquisitions for its portfolio companies.

- Represented Gryphon Investors and its portfolio companies in various platform and add-on acquisitions and divestiture transactions in the industrials, third party logistics and manufacturing spaces.
- Represented GESD Capital Partners in the sale of its portfolio company, Milton's Holding Corporation, a manufacturer of custom baked goods (including gluten-free crackers and pizza crust) to a private equity-backed buyer.
- Represented Riordan Lewis & Haden (RLH) and its portfolio company, Illuminate Holdings, LLC, in connection with the acquisition of an analytics and cybersecurity business serving the intelligence and defense communities.
- Represented Interior Specialists, Inc. (a portfolio company of Littlejohn & Co.) in connection with its acquisition of Creative Touch Interiors, Inc., a leading provider of custom home interior design elements.
- Represented a Texas-based private equity fund in connection with the roll-up of a fuel distribution business into a multi-state fuel distribution joint venture vehicle.

Government Contracting Representations

- Represents Arlington Capital Partners and its portfolio companies in various platform, add-on and divestiture transactions in the aerospace, defense, national security and government services industries.
- Represented CACI International Inc (NYSE: CACI) in connection with various acquisitions in the national security sector.
- Represented Allied Associates International (A²I) in connection with the sale to Redhorse Corporation of its advanced engineering and technical solutions business, providing services to the defense, federal law enforcement and intelligence communities.
- Represented TeraLogics, LLC in connection with its auction process and sale to Cubic Corporation (NYSE: CUB).
- Represented Riordan Lewis & Haden (RLH) and its portfolio company, Illuminate Holdings, LLC, in connection with the acquisition of an analytics and cybersecurity business serving the intelligence and defense communities.

Other M&A Representations

- Represented Provepharm Life Solutions (a pharmaceutical company headquartered in France) in connection with its acquisition of Apollo Pharmaceuticals USA, a company specializing in the commercialization of sterile injectable products for hospital use.
- Represented Precision Medicine Group in connection with various acquisitions in the healthcare and pharmaceutical space.
- Represented Oncocyte Corporation in connection with its acquisition of Insight Genetics, Inc., a leading molecular diagnostics company.
- Represented Flokk AS in connection with its acquisition of 9to5 Seating, LLC, a leading manufacturer of ergonomic office seating.
- Represented Queensbridge Venture Partners, LLC in connection with the divestiture of its general partner interest in Queensbridge Fund I (a venture capital fund) to an affiliate of Cherry Tree Investments.
- Represented Belgacom International Carrier Services, S.A., a global provider of international wholesale connectivity and interoperability services based in Belgium, in connection with its acquisition of TeleSign Holdings, Inc., a leading communications platform as a service (CPaaS) company.

- Represented an affiliate of CBRE Group Inc. (NYSE: CBG) in connection with an asset acquisition and joint venture transaction involving StreetSense, a leading Washington DC-based real estate brokerage and design firm.
- Represented TP ICAP / Tullett Prebon in connection with various acquisitions in the commodities brokerage space.
- Represented an affiliate of Mitsubishi Corporation (TYO: 8058) in connection with its investment in a joint venture with a Texas-based wind tower manufacturer.
- Represented Darling International Inc. (NYSE: DAR) in its acquisition of a business unit from a Maple Leaf Foods Inc. (TSX: MFI).
- Represented AmerisourceBergen (NYSE: ABC) in connection with its acquisition of a California-based billing and reimbursement services company.
- Represented AmerisourceBergen (NYSE: ABC) in connection with its investment into an Indian generics manufacturing joint venture.
- Represented a Texas-based metals recycler in connection with its contribution of assets into a joint venture with a European metals recycler.
- Represented a national real estate development company in connection with the buy-out of its previous partner's interest in a 28,000-acre master-planned community in Texas.

Articles

Cannabis Law Blog Posts

- "Social Equity in the Cannabis Industry: Is It Working?" August 14, 2020

Media Mentions

FLIR Fires Up More M&A
The Deal, 02.12.2019

Events

Cannabis Webinar Wednesday - Cannabis and Social Equity Programs
Webinar, 06.24.2020

Podcasts & Webinars

Nota Bene Episode 92: Social Equity in the Cannabis Industry with Danielle Moore and Cedric Powell
08.12.2020

Cannabis Webinar Wednesday - Cannabis and Social Equity Programs
06.24.2020

Practices

Corporate

Private Equity

Mergers and Acquisitions

Emerging Company & Venture Capital

Joint Ventures and Strategic Alliances

Technology Transactions

Industries

Aerospace & Defense

Cannabis

Food and Beverage

Healthcare

Life Sciences

Retail, Fashion & Beauty

Transportation

Automotive

Aviation

Trucking and Logistics

Government Business

Education

J.D., Southern Methodist University, 2009, *cum laude*

B.B.A., Howard University, 2003, *magna cum laude*

Admissions

District of Columbia

Texas