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About Cedric

Cedric Powell is a partner in the Corporate Practice of our Washington DC and Dallas offices, where he advises clients on complex middle-market M&A transactions.

He leverages deep transactional experience to deliver exceptional client service, focusing on risk mitigation and practical, commercially driven solutions across both buy-side and sell-side engagements.

In addition to his broad M&A background, Cedric has extensive experience representing private equity sponsors and their portfolio companies throughout the full investment life cycle. He advises funds on platform acquisitions, add-on transactions, divestitures, recapitalizations and strategic investments across a wide range of industries.

Cedric is particularly skilled at navigating the fast-paced, detail-intensive nature of private equity dealmaking, delivering practical guidance on structuring considerations, diligence strategies and value-creation priorities. His work with leading private equity firms reinforces his ability to anticipate transactional challenges and drive efficient, solutions-oriented outcomes.

Cedric's work spans a broad range of industries, including aerospace, defense, national security, government services, manufacturing, food and beverage, retail, technology, chemical distribution, consumer packaged goods, grocery, third-party logistics and life sciences. He also regularly counsels clients on a variety of corporate and transactional matters, such as equity financings, strategic investments, joint ventures and corporate governance.

Experience

Private Equity

- Representing 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.*

- Representing OpenGate Capital and its portfolio companies in various platforms and add-on acquisitions and divesture transactions in the chemical manufacturing and distribution, and general manufacturing sectors.*
- Representing Audax Private Equity in add-on acquisitions for its portfolio companies.*
- Representing Gryphon Investors and its portfolio companies in various platforms and add-on acquisitions, and divestiture transactions, in the industrials, third-party logistics and manufacturing spaces.*
- Representing 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.*
- Representing Riordan Lewis & Haden (RLH) in add-on acquisition for its portfolio companies.*
- Representing 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.*
- Representing a Texas-based private equity fund in connection with the roll-up of a fuel distribution business into a multistate fuel distribution joint venture vehicle.*

Government Contracting

- Representing 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.*
- Representing CACI International Inc (NYSE: CACI) in connection with various acquisitions in the national security sector.*
- Representing 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.*
- Representing TeraLogics, LLC in connection with its auction process and sale to Cubic Corporation (NYSE: CUB).*
- Representing 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.*

Mergers and Acquisitions

- Representing 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.*
- Representing Precision Medicine Group in connection with various acquisitions in the healthcare and pharmaceutical space.*
- Representing Oncocyte Corporation in connection with its acquisition of Insight Genetics, Inc., a leading molecular diagnostics company.*
- Representing Flokk AS in connection with its acquisition of 9to5 Seating, LLC, a leading manufacturer of ergonomic office seating.*

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

* *Matter handled prior to joining the firm.*

Credentials

Education

- Southern Methodist University, J.D., *cum laude*, 2009
- Howard University, BBA, *magna cum laude*, 2003

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Texas

Memberships & Affiliations

- Minority Corporate Counsel Association – Pathways Advisory Council, 2023

Recognitions

- Recognized in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America 2024
- Recognized in Legal 500 US 2023 for M&A/Corporate and Commercial Law
- Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA), Rising Star, 2021

Expertise

Services

- Corporate
- Private Equity

Industries

- Aerospace, Defense & Government Services
- Chemicals
- Industrial Products
- Life Sciences
- Retail

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