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About James

Jimmy Hafner is a partner in the firm's Corporate Practice. Jimmy advises public companies and privately held businesses on a variety of corporate and transactional matters, including mergers, asset and stock acquisitions and sales, joint ventures, securities, commercial contracts and general corporate governance issues.

Having represented companies across the manufacturing, infrastructure, renewable energy, mining, technology, e-commerce, financial services and insurance spaces, Jimmy brings a broad range of experience and keeps his clients' business interests at the center of his work.

For the past four years consecutively, Jimmy has been named among the *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* for his work in corporate law, healthcare law and insurance law, as well as mergers and acquisitions law. He is recognized as a Rising Star in *Ohio Super Lawyers*, naming him as one of the top 2.5% of Ohio attorneys aged 40 or under or in practice for 10 years or fewer. He also serves on the Columbus office Hiring Committee.

Jimmy serves as an adjunct professor at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, where he teaches a transactional law course.

Experience

- Representing a real estate investment firm in the sale of interests in a multicomplex management company.
- Representing a real estate investment firm in its buyout of its joint venture partners in a series of transactions related to various development projects.
- Represented a publicly traded infrastructure company on acquisitions, dispositions and carve-out transactions.
- Represented a custom apparel fulfillment company in its sale to a private equity firm and in the company's subsequent joint venture transaction with an internet marketing company and social media influencer.

- Represented a multinational resources-based manufacturing company on a strategic joint venture transaction in the US.
- Represented a regional energy company in section 363 purchases of certain assets previously held by a large, publicly traded energy company.
- Represented manufacturing, infrastructure, technology and online commerce companies by drafting and negotiating a range of commercial agreements.
- Represented clients involved in cross-border joint venture disputes on negotiated buyouts, takeover options and other strategic considerations.
- Represented a leader in electric vehicle charging stations in a wide range of commercial agreements for both purchase and sale transactions, including for federal and state government programs.
- Represented manufacturing, infrastructure, technology and online commerce companies by drafting and negotiating a range of commercial agreements.
- Represented several NYSE-listed manufacturing companies in general corporate, commercial and securities regulation matters.
- Represented a large US energy company in its Chapter 11 case in which substantially all assets were sold in more than 15 section 363 sales.
- Represented a US coal company in its Chapter 11 case in the Western District of Kentucky, in which it pursued a section 363 sale of its mining assets.
- Represented a large alternative investment manager in connection with the purchase of an insurance company.
- Represented foreign conglomerates in connection with the potential purchase of insurance companies and related investments.

Credentials

Education

- The Ohio State University, J.D., Member, Ohio State Law Journal, 2015
- The Ohio State University, B.A., 2012

Admissions

- Ohio

Memberships & Affiliations

- Member, Ohio Bar

Recognitions

- Recognized in *Ohio Super Lawyers – Rising Stars* 2024 and 2025.
- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* 2023-2026 for Corporate Law, Health Care Law, Insurance Law and Mergers and Acquisitions Law in Columbus.
- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* 2022 for Corporate Law and Mergers and Acquisitions Law in Columbus.

Expertise

Services

- Corporate
- Restructuring & Insolvency

Industries

- Mining

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