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“Jon provides general counsel services to private equity portfolio companies and others.”

Jon Kreucher is an accomplished generalist with over 25 years of experience balanced between high-level positions in Fortune 100 companies and sophisticated private practice. His broad experience fosters practical advice that considers both legal risks and operational goals.

Jon now provides general counsel services to companies that have chosen to avoid the fixed expense of a full-time legal staff, and to GCs who need to temporarily supplement an in-house team. In this capacity, he currently supports portfolio companies owned by three of the world's top 50 private equity firms. His unique model provides infinitely expandable and contactable subject matter knowledge to clients that range in size from \$40 million to \$2 billion in revenue per year.

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In a world of legal professionals, Jon's skills are increasingly rare—he is a high-performing generalist. His broad understanding of the law was formed early. In law school, he received top-of-class honors in eleven subjects, including several American Jurisprudence awards for legal research and writing, and he was graduated *summa cum laude*. Jon developed litigation experience as a city prosecutor and later when practicing administrative law. He then moved in-house for over a decade. While serving as inside counsel, Jon held several chief legal officer and government affairs positions for divisions of Fortune 100 telecommunications companies. His skills in operational matters, commercial law, and lobbying developed during that time.

Jon's unusually broad background allows him to navigate a wide range of legal issues and industries. He regularly conducts legal audits to identify and assess exposure, mentors executives and employees on compliance issues, develops strategy and supervises litigation, negotiates and drafts complex commercial agreements, balances operational goals against legal risks, and provides practical advice on operational matters. Jon has applied these skills to a diverse group of clients including those in telecommunications, renewable energy, automotive supply, media, and air cargo handling.

Representative Matters

- Represented a media company where following its purchase by a private equity company, we established processes to reclaim a substantial number of franchised territories after their defaults.
- Represented an air cargo handler and defeated a union grievance that alleged a violation of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. We successfully avoided approximately \$8MM in annual wage impact.
- Represented an air cargo handler and defeated a potential FLSA class action on behalf of a putative class of 3,000 based on the Railway Labor Act exemption.
- Represented an air cargo handler in supervising and formulating a strategy in defense of multiple wage & hour class actions filed in California. Successfully resolved claims of more than \$75MM for less than \$5MM.
- Lead counsel for a renewable energy company in litigation that defeated the foreclosure of a construction lien by the wind project's general contractor.
- Represented an automotive supplier and defeated the efforts of an upstream supplier who sought an emergency TRO to allocate supply from our capacity-constrained client. Subsequently defeated emergency interlocutory appeal to Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Represented a renewable energy company and recovered \$2.2 MM in a lawsuit when faulty electrical work resulted in a fire that destroyed a commercial-scale wind turbine in Mexico.
- Successfully represented a company that divested from its Fortune 100 parent by negotiating settlement agreements that resulted in the elimination of nearly \$850MM in trade debt.
- As associate member of International City/Counties Management Association, developed whitepaper and lobbying strategy utilized to defeat effort to federalize cable franchising.
- Lead counsel for California municipality in matter that defeated bankrupt cable operator's effort to discharge franchise obligations.
- Represented telecommunications companies in supervising division activities related to the transfer of over \$100B in cable franchises.

Education

- Thomas M. Cooley Law School at Lansing, 1991
 - J.D., *summa cum laude*
- University of Michigan, 1985
 - B.G.S., Concentrations in Communications, Economics, and Business

Admissions

- Michigan, 1991
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan, 2006

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 1992
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 1992

Professional Achievements

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2017-2021
- *dbusiness*, "Top Lawyers," 2013-2014; 2019-2020