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Craig represents high-growth companies and their investors. He has helped to form, finance and advise hundreds of emerging businesses in areas such as internet and digital media, consumer products, clean technologies, software, medical devices and business services. He has led hundreds of startup financings, with an aggregate value in the billions of dollars, and has led teams advising companies on more than a hundred mergers and acquisitions.

Representative clients of Craig's include AllTrails, Yelp, New Relic, Patreon, Singularity, Ethic and Tecton. Craig has been recognized as a leading lawyer in the 2016 – 2023 editions of Chambers USA – Startups & Emerging Companies and Venture Capital, 2015 and 2016 US editions of Legal 500 in the category of M&A/Corporate and Commercial – Venture Capital and Emerging Companies, 2016-2018 editions of The Best Lawyers in America, and recognized by The Recorder's inaugural Innovator Awards in 2014.

Following law school, Craig was a judicial clerk with the Honorable Charles A. Legge of the US District Court for the Northern District of California, and he also studied Italian cinema as a Fulbright scholar in Rome, Italy. Craig also co-founded and served as board chair for the nonprofit organization [VolunteerMatch](#) and currently serves as board chair for the [Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center](#).

Education

Stanford Law School
JD, 1996

Johns Hopkins University
MA, 1996

University of Pennsylvania
BA, 1990

Admissions & Credentials

California

Court Admissions

US District Court for the Northern District of California

Rankings & Accolades

Awards & Recognition

Cooley GO Wins the "People's Voice" Webby

Chambers USA: Startups & Emerging Companies – Nationwide (2016 – 2024)

Chambers USA: Venture Capital – California (2021 – 2024)

Best Lawyers: M&A/Corporate and Commercial – Venture Capital and Emerging Companies (2016 – 2019)

The Recorder Innovators recognizes Craig Jacoby, Matt Bartus and Peter Werner

Daily Journal: "Top Emerging Companies Lawyers" (2014)

Memberships & Affiliations

California Bar Association