

Practice Areas

Private Equity & Venture Capital

Mergers & Acquisitions

Securities & Public Companies

General Corporate

Education

Stanford Law School, J.D., 1982

Colgate University, A.B., 1979,
magna cum laude, with High
Honors in History, Phi Beta Kappa

Bar Admissions

Connecticut, 1982

Honors and Awards



Recognized as a *Connecticut Super Lawyer* in Mergers & Acquisitions, Securities & Corporate Finance, Business/Corporate, 2007-2012

Leading lawyer in *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2005-2012



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Mike Herling is a founding partner of Finn Dixon & Herling. Mr. Herling regularly represents clients in the areas of private equity, venture capital, mergers and acquisitions, securities law and corporate governance.

Mr. Herling has significant experience representing private equity, venture capital, growth capital, mezzanine capital and leveraged buy-out funds in their fundraising and formation, investments, acquisitions, dispositions, restructurings and other activities. Fund clients for whom Mike has provided substantial advice include Capital Partners, Catterton Growth Partners, GarMark Capital Partners, Gridiron Capital, Oak Investment Partners, RFE Investment Partners, and Saugatuck Capital Company. Recent transactions include representation of a group of private equity sponsors in the sale of Floor and Decor Outlets of America, Inc. to an investor group led by Ares Capital Management LLC, Freeman Spogli & Co., representation of Oak Investment Partners in connection with the sale of Equaterra, Inc. to KPMG, LLP, representation of Catterton Growth Partners in connection with the sale of First Watch Restaurants to Freeman Spogli & Co., and representation of Oak Investment Partners and certain other selling stockholders in connection with the sale of TxVia, Inc. to Google.

Mr. Herling also has significant experience representing businesses in connection with their strategic activities, including acquisitions, divestitures, mergers, joint ventures, and securities offerings, as well as corporate governance matters. Clients are involved in industries involving fields as diverse as medical devices, building materials, shipping, telecommunications, prepaid debit cards, healthcare services and others. Corporate clients for whom Mike has provided substantial advice include Moran Towing Corporation, NetSpend Holdings Inc., Spine Wave Inc. and Xiotech, Inc.

Associations and Memberships

Colgate University

- Board of Trustees, 2007-Present
- Alumni Corporation Board of Directors, 2003-Present
 - Executive Committee, 2004-2006
- President's Club, past member of the Executive Committee and former Chairman

The Business Council of Fairfield County

- Board of Directors, 2011-Present

Fairfield County Information Exchange

- Chairman, 2011-Present

Stamford Health System, Board of Directors, 1997-2008

- Chairman, 2003-2006
- Vice Chairman, 1999-2003

Darien Library, past member of the Board of Trustees and former President

Stanford Law School, past member of the Board of Visitors

Connecticut Bar Association

- Business Law Section

American Bar Association

- Business Law Section
- Venture Capital and Private Equity Committee