



## James O. Craven

### COUNSEL

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Jim is Counsel in Wiggin and Dana's New Haven office and is involved in all areas of the firm's Litigation Practice. His practice includes representing clients in commercial disputes, product liability claims, complex personal injury matters, CUTPA, professional malpractice issues, tax appeals, and toxic torts. He also counsels numerous clients on risk mitigation, compliance, and business concerns.

Jim currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Defense Research Institute (DRI) as the Northeast Regional Director. Jim is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association, House of Delegates and member of the CBA's Legislative and Policy Review Committee. He previously served as President of the Connecticut Defense (Civil) Lawyers Association (CDLA) and was Chairman of the CDLA Board of Directors. He is a Board Liaison and Steering Committee Member for DRI's Drug and Medical Device Committee and is a Steering Committee Member and former Chair of DRI's Medical Liability and Health Law meeting. He is also a former Director and past officer of the New Haven County Bar Foundation; member of the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys; and former member of the Advisory Board of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program.

Jim was the recipient of DRI's Lifetime Community Service Award (2018), CBA's Anthony DeMayo Pro Bono Award (2014), and Wiggin and Dana's Pro Bono Award. Jim has contributed to numerous publications and lectures including presentations at DRI, CBA, NHCBA, and CDLA events. Jim helped to prepare the Connecticut Health Lawyers Association's "Connecticut Law Update", contributed to the Connecticut Practice Series treatise *Unfair Trade Practices*, and has regularly been a guest instructor for Quinnipiac Law School's Product Liability Seminar.

Before joining Wiggin and Dana, Jim served in the U.S. Army as a trial counsel in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Fourth Infantry Division (Mechanized). As a Judge Advocate, he received his parachutist badge, and was awarded the Army Achievement Medal and Meritorious Service Medal during his military service. Jim received his J.D. *cum laude* from Case Western Reserve University School of Law, where he was a member of the *Case Western Reserve Law Review*, the Dean's Tutorial Society, and *Health Matrix: The Journal of Law-Medicine*. He earned his B.A. in Economics and Political Science from Dickinson College, where he was a captain of the varsity soccer team.

### Education

- U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's School
  - Commandant's List
- Case Western Reserve University School of Law (J.D., 1994)
  - cum laude
- Dickinson College (B.A., Economics and Political Science, 1990)

## **Bar Admissions**

- Connecticut
- New York

## **Court Admissions**

- US Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
- US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- US District Court (District of Connecticut)
- US Supreme Court

## **Distinctions**

- Recipient of Wiggin and Dana's Pro Bono Award for litigation work for Statewide Legal Services and New Haven Legal Assistance clients (2008)
- Recipient of the Connecticut Bar Association's Honorable Anthony V. DeMayo Pro Bono Award (2014)
- Recipient of the Defense Research Institute's Lifetime Community Service Award (2018)

## **Memberships and Affiliations**

- Association of Defense Trial Attorneys
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- Connecticut Bar Association
  - House of Delegates
  - Legislative Policy and Review Committee
  - Litigation Section
  - eDiscovery Task Force
- Connecticut Defense Lawyers Association
  - President, 2012-2013
- Defense Research Institute
  - Medical Liability and Health Law Committee
    - Chair, March 2011 Medical Liability and Health Law Meeting

- Co-Chair of DRI's Medical Liability and Health Law Subcommittee on Obstetrical Law
  - Vice Chair, February 2010 Medical Liability and Health Law Meeting
  - Steering Committee
- Drug and Medical Device Committee
  - Steering Committee
  - Public Service Liason
- New Haven County Bar Foundation
  - Board of Directors (2005-2012)
  - Grant Making Committee
- Chief Justice's Committee on the Judicial Performance Evaluation Program

## **Publications**

May 11, 2015

### **Mitigating the Risks of Medical Technology Security**

*Connecticut Law Tribune*

December 10, 2013

### **Punitive Damage Limits in Product Liability Actions**

ABA Products Liability Committee Newsletter, Fall 2013

December 10, 2012

### **Punitive Damage Limits in Product Liability Action**

*Connecticut Law Tribune*

November 14, 2011

### **Bifurcation Can Reduce Costs In Malpractice Trials**

*Connecticut Law Tribune*, Vol. 37, No. 46