

Craig L. Sylvester
Of Counsel

Craig L. Sylvester has practiced with Reid and Riege since graduating from law school in 1981. Craig served as the firm's President and Managing Partner from 2004 to 2016. His practice consists largely of acting as general counsel to several closely held companies, including family owned businesses. He also has represented publicly owned corporations, is counsel to several private equity investment firms, and often works in the areas of private placements and mergers and acquisitions. His efforts on behalf of privately owned businesses include structuring the business organization and its capitalization; coordinating the owners' business planning with their estate plans; and preparing stockholder, partnership and other business contracts.

#### **Professional Affiliations**

- Connecticut Bar Association, Corporations & Other Business Organizations and Antitrust Sections
- American Bar Association, Sections on Corporations and Banking & Business Law

### **Community Involvement and Other Pursuits**

- Connecticut Business and Industry Association, Board of Directors (2011-2016), Executive Committee (2012-2016) and Small Business Advisory Council (1991-1997)
- · Journey Home, Inc., Board of Directors (2010 present)
- The Hartt School, Board of Trustees (2010-2013)
- Connecticut Housing Investment Fund, Board of Directors (2003-2013)
- Riverfront Recapture, Inc., Board of Directors (1999 2011)
- The Foundation for West Hartford Public Schools, Inc., Board of Directors (1998-2009)
- West Hartford Housing Authority, Board of Commissioners (1986-1998 (Vice Chairman, 1990-1995 and Chairman, 1995-1998))



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#### **Admissions**

- · State of Connecticut, 1981
- U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut, 1981

### **Education**

- University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D. (with high honors), 1981
- Craig served as Managing Editor of the Connecticut Law Review from 1980 to 1981.
- American University, B.A. (cum laude), 1973

## **Practice Areas**

- Business Law
- · Business Finance
- Business Formation & Ownership
- Business Transactions
- · Employment Matters
- General Counsel



# Craig L. Sylvester continued

- The Entrepreneurship Institute of Greater Hartford (1987-1989)
- Hartford Enterprise Zone, Advisory Board (1986-1988)

# **Distinctions**

- AV® Preeminent™ Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rated
- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® for Corporate Law (2009-2018)
- Listed in Connecticut Super Lawyers® for Business/Corporate Law (2009-2011)

# **Speaking Engagements**

Craig has lectured to the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants on "Understanding Stock Purchase Agreements."

