



## Jeffrey (J.C.) C. Anderson

### Partner

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**I provide the level of responsiveness and resources I would want as a client, addressing each inquiry without unnecessary formality. Clients understand that advice can sometimes carry a degree of uncertainty, and my goal is always to reach a practical agreement.**

Jeffrey (J.C.) Anderson advises individuals and businesses—from startups to large private and public companies—on various business law matters. He provides clients with practical, cost-effective strategies to achieve their business objectives. With nearly 40 years of experience, J.C. approaches each matter with a well-rounded view and a focus on achieving mutually beneficial outcomes related to:

- Executive compensation
- Investment funding
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Securities compliance
- Shareholder agreements
- Special committee responsibilities

With experience across various industries, J.C. serves clients in agribusiness and food, industrial and manufacturing, and the restaurant, food and beverage sectors.

In the securities arena, he counsels public companies on compliance with state and federal securities laws and exchange regulations. He also works with individual investors and public and private companies on diverse financing transactions, from private and venture capital deals to public offerings.

## Areas of Focus

### Services

[Corporate & Business](#)

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### Sectors

[Industrial & Manufacturing](#)

[Restaurant, Food & Beverage](#)

[Agribusiness & Food](#)

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## Experience

- Successfully negotiated a complex sale with an earnout to a private equity fund, navigating challenges to close the deal successfully.
- Represented the special committee concerning securities and governance matters for a unique reorganization of two public companies, providing extensive guidance on fiduciary and securities issues.
- Represented a startup with a \$60 million SAFE investment and follow-on \$80 million Series A financing, including the SAFE conversion.
- Advised a European company in forming a joint venture with a South American company to establish U.S. operations, addressing strategic, Delaware law and tax matters.
- Assisted in an underwritten public offering concerning its merger into a SPAC.
- Assisted in restructuring Famous Dave's to form a new publicly traded holding company, BBQ Holdings, Inc.
- Represented multiple public companies, including a former SPAC, in compliance with securities regulations and Sarbanes-Oxley requirements.
- Negotiated terms for a startup company's secure financing and equity investment from a major national insurance company.
- Assisted a large foundation with the review of private fund documentation.
- Counseled a company's board on rejecting an unsolicited takeover offer.
- Advised an ESOP on corporate and securities issues in connection with a leveraged buyout of the sponsoring company.
- Guided cooperatives on state and federal securities law compliance.
- Represented various medical product companies in financing transactions.
- Advised publicly held companies on establishing and maintaining equity compensation plans.
- Provided counsel to a local frozen-food company in its financing transaction with a consortium of national venture capitalists.
- Represented a private equity firm in financing, acquisitions and divestitures.
- Assisted companies in going public through reverse mergers.
- Supported a national healthcare organization in structuring a joint venture with an internet company.
- Represented a startup natural ingredients company in its formation and private placement through a local broker-dealer.
- Assisted foundations and high-net-worth individuals in reviewing investment manager agreements.

## Credentials

### Education

- University of Minnesota Law School, J.D., 1985, cum laude
- Gustavus Adolphus College, 1982, magna cum laude

### Bar Admissions

- Minnesota

### Recognition

- Selected among *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2021-2025
  - Certified Public Accountant Certificate earned, 1982
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## Presentations

- Moderator, Private Equity Strategies 2015, ACG Minnesota, April 8, 2015
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## Professional Activities

- Hennepin County Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association, Securities Law section, former officer
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- National Association of Stock Plan Professionals, Twin Cities Chapter, founding board member

## Community Involvement

- Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Board of Trustees, Member
- Gustavus Adolphus College, Board of Trustees, Member
  - Alumni Board of Directors, Member