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An accomplished associate at KJK, Chris Herrel brings a wealth of experience to the Corporate, Start-Ups & Capitalization, and Estate, Wealth & Succession Planning practice groups. He adeptly guides his clients through the complexities of the legal terrain, ensuring their needs are met with precision and skill.

Chris focuses on assisting both new and established small businesses, guiding them through formation and fundraising while supporting their daily operations and long-term strategic planning. He also provides comprehensive counsel on corporate and regulatory compliance, corporate governance and has extensive experience in facilitating domestic and international ventures. His practice extends to advising high-net-worth individuals and family offices, providing tailored solutions to safeguard and grow family assets.

Chris frequently deploys his skillset through KJK's GC Advantage Program, handling key contract preparation, negotiation, and compliance, as well as overseeing distribution and supply agreements while serving as an embedded member of the client's team. He particularly enjoys leveraging KJK's membership in the Meritas network to connect with counsel across the country and around the world to foster relationships and provide maximum value to his clients.

Prior to joining KJK, Chris focused his practice on civil and probate litigation and estate planning. Chris holds a Bachelor of Science degree in International Relations from The Ohio State University and earned his Juris Doctorate from Cleveland State University College of Law, graduating cum laude.

Outside of the office, Chris enjoys exploring diverse cultures through travel, honing his culinary skills in the kitchen, and indulging his passion for cars and motorcycles.

EDUCATION

- Cleveland State University College of Law, J.D., 2021, cum laude
- The Ohio State University, B.S., International Relations, 2018

PRACTICE AREAS

- Corporate & Securities
- Cybersecurity, Data Breach & Privacy
- Estate, Wealth & Succession Planning
- Start-Ups & Capitalization
- AI Strategy, Risk Management & Compliance

BAR/COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Facilitated acquisition of international property and foreign citizenship for client
- Orchestrated successful closure of a series-A investment round with a medical tech startup
- Provided comprehensive legal counsel on various corporate law matters, including but not limited to entity formation, governance, contracts and compliance

AWARDS

- Ohio Super Lawyer Rising Star, 2025-2026

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- CMBA Leadership Academy
  - Class of 2024-2025
- BMW Car Club of America
  - Northern Ohio Chapter, Member

MEDIA MENTIONS

- Fresh lawyers offer advice for law students and peers, Cleveland Jewish News, Feb. 5, 2025