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Craig represents individuals and businesses in the resolution of a wide variety of commercial disputes. His litigation experience ranges from class actions, breach of contract disputes, and business divorce to estate litigation and intellectual property claims with millions of dollars at stake.

Having participated in complex litigation at both the state and federal level, Craig remains focused on achieving clients' business objectives and favorably resolving their lawsuits, be it in the courts or through alternate dispute resolution. His work ethic and dedication to those he serves is manifest in his ability to develop persuasive arguments that reflect each client's tolerance for risk. His consistently excellent work makes him a valuable member of the client team.

Craig is also dedicated to community service. Active in the firm's pro bono program, he has successfully obtained asylum for clients from Honduras and Syria, advocated for detainees in the penal system, and advised charter schools on their internal practices. In addition, he serves as an alumni mentor for Rutgers Law School's Minority Student Program.

Prior to joining the firm, Craig worked as a case manager at Real House Inc. and as a legal assistant at Baker & McKenzie LLP.

NEWS & INSIGHTS

Publications

- > May 15, 2015
"Killing a Mocking Burd and Other NJ Duty to Defend Issues," *Law360*
Michael D. Lichtenstein, Craig Dashiell
- > March 17, 2015
"Deepwater Horizon Decision Serves as Wake-Up Call for Corporate Counsel," *Inside Counsel*
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In the Media

- > September 2, 2019
Craig Dashiell and 2019 summer associate Yelky Perez are featured in **NJ.com** and **Chron's** coverage of Perez's establishment of a book scholarship for first-generation law students at Rutgers Law School. Perez discusses how her idea to provide funds to subsidize the purchase of law books for students in Rutgers' Minority Student Program (MSP) became a reality with the support of the firm. Dashiell, a Rutgers alumnus and an MSP member like Perez, says, "The firm is supportive of these kinds of things. ... It's great when it comes organically from the bottom up instead of the top down. This was a junior attorney who wasn't afraid to bring this idea to other people." Close to \$10,000 was raised to purchase 27 gift cards, each worth \$350, for students to buy the books they needed.
- > April 29, 2019
Reuters and **Law360** highlight Lowenstein Sandler's filing of a class action lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey against various federal agencies and their leaders on behalf of young immigrants wrongfully disqualified from receiving Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS). According to the suit, the plaintiffs' SIJS applications were unfairly denied because they were between 18 and 21 years old when they obtained child welfare findings from a state juvenile court, a necessary predicate to applying for SIJS. At least 100 other immigrants in New Jersey are facing similar denials. (The Lowenstein team included: **Catherine Weiss, Natalie J. Kraner, Craig Dashiell, Eric R. Suggs, Tracy F. Buffer, and Claudia Lorenzo.**) (*subscription required to view certain content*) **View Lowenstein's news announcement about this case.**
- > September 10, 2018
The **New Jersey Business & Industry Association** quotes **David Leit** and mentions **Gavin J. Rooney** and **Craig Dashiell** in an article discussing the uncertain future of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, despite the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas denying the plaintiff states' request for a preliminary injunction to halt the program. Leit, who, along with Rooney and Dashiell, led the Lowenstein team that authored and filed an amicus brief supporting the State of New Jersey's opposition to the injunction, notes that the amicus brief's principal argument, that suddenly halting DACA would cause significant economic harm to New Jersey businesses and organizations, was accepted by the Court as a basis to deny the injunction.
- > July 26-27, 2018
ROI, NJBIZ, the New Jersey Business & Industry Association, and NorthJersey.com highlight Lowenstein Sandler's leading role in authoring and filing an amicus brief in *State of*

Texas, et al. v. United States of America, et al., on behalf of New Jersey businesses, associations, and nonprofit institutions, supporting the State of New Jersey's opposition to Texas's motion to preliminarily enjoin the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program in a case pending in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. The brief highlights the significant harms to the New Jersey economy and New Jersey businesses that would result if DACA were enjoined and thousands of New Jerseyans suddenly became unable to contribute to the state's economy by working, attending school, and paying taxes. **David Leit**, **Gavin J. Rooney**, and **Craig Dashiell** were the lead attorneys on the brief. **Read Lowenstein's announcement about the brief**; [click here for a copy of the document](#).

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- > Speaker, **Practices for Creating a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program**, ADP, Webinar, July 21, 2020

EDUCATION

- > Rutgers Law School (J.D. 2013), cum laude; Articles Editor, *Rutgers Law Review*
- > Saint Joseph's University (B.S. 2008)

ADMISSIONS

- > New York
- > New Jersey