



Andrew M. Wark

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Year Joined Cravath: 2013

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Andrew M. Wark focuses his practice on public and private mergers and acquisitions, shareholder activism defense and general corporate matters. Mr. Wark was born in Portland, Oregon. He received a B.S. from Duke University in 2010 and a J.D. from Columbia Law School in 2013, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and a Staff Editor of the *Law Review*.

Tell us about a memorable matter you worked on and what you learned from it.

In 2019, I worked on Barrick Gold Corporation's unsolicited proposal to combine with Newmont Mining Corporation and the subsequent joint venture to combine the parties' mining operations in Nevada. In that case, the matter pivoted quickly from an unsolicited proposal for a public company merger (with the excitement of a fast-paced and high-profile "hostile" approach) to a negotiated joint venture transaction between the parties. While the form of the transaction changed, the ultimate rationale for the transaction—unlocking the substantial cost savings and value that could be created by combining the parties' neighboring operations—did not. I learned the importance of understanding our clients' ultimate objectives and being creative in considering alternative means to achieve those objectives.

What initially drew you to Cravath?

I was drawn to Cravath by the passion that everyone I met at the Firm had for their profession and for the Firm itself—Cravath felt like a true "partnership" in every sense. That commitment to the profession and the Firm carries over every day into our work and our unwavering commitment to pursuing our clients' goals.

How has the Rotation System prepared you to become a partner?

The Rotation System helped me develop a broad knowledge base and a creative, problem-solving approach to lawyering. That knowledge base and approach to lawyering have been excellent preparation for becoming an M&A partner—we are all generalists in the M&A practice and work on a wide variety of matters that constantly raise novel questions. The creativity instilled in me through the Rotation System is invaluable in challenging myself to find creative solutions to achieve our clients' goals.

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