

PROFILE

**Practices**

- Private Investment Funds
- Bank & Financial Institutions
- Corporate and Securities

Admitted

- Connecticut
- New York
- Massachusetts

Education

- J.D., Cornell Law School, 1989
- A.B., cum laude, Colgate University, 1984

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court Connecticut

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Experience

John Brunjes is a partner in the Private Investment Funds Group of Bracewell & Giuliani, resident in the Connecticut office, and head of the Fund Formation practice.

John handles a wide variety of transactional corporate and securities law matters for institutional and individual investors, investment funds and their managers, as well as for public and private operating companies. His practice focuses on hedge fund, private equity, venture capital fund formation and operational issues, and illiquid investment transactions, with particular emphasis on advising private domestic and offshore capital pools and their stakeholders. He also advises investment advisers, fund managers, and operating companies on state, federal, and international compliance and enforcement considerations. His investor clients include individuals on the Forbes 400, family offices, ERISA-regulated investors, funds of funds, and other qualified purchasers and qualified institutional buyers. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Hedge Fund Association.

Publications and Speeches

Testified before the Senate Banking Committee in the Connecticut State Senate on new bills that would dramatically reverse Connecticut's longstanding hands-off approach to regulating its once booming but now shaky hedge fund industry. February 27, 2009.

"More banks may become private." *USA Today*, January 5, 2009.

"John Brunjes, head of the fund formation practice in the Hartford, Conn., office of Houston's Bracewell & Giuliani, recently gave a presentation on the difficulties of regulating pension fund participation in hedge funds at the U.S. Department of Labor, which oversees the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA)." *The National Law Journal*. December 1, 2008.

Affiliations

- Connecticut Banking Commissioner's Securities Advisory Council
- Connecticut Bar Association, Financial Institutions Section Vice Chairman
- Connecticut Hedge Fund Association, Counsel Member, Board of Directors

Noteworthy

Super Lawyers, Corporate Counsel Edition, 2009

