

FUND FORMATION AND COMPLIANCE

Our attorneys facilitate the operation of public and private investment funds, including equity, hedge (both registered and unregistered), special situation, distressed debt, mezzanine and master-feeder funds, as well as funds of funds. We provide advice on issues arising under the Securities Act, Securities Exchange Act, and Commodity Exchange Act; the Investment Advisers Act and Investment Company Act; rules of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), the NASDAQ and other self-regulatory bodies; and state securities laws.

Our lawyers are experienced in specialized areas of tax, securities and ERISA law. We work with clients to design partnership agreements relating to funds being formed, and are sensitive to the problems that can arise over the life of the relationship between the partnership and the fund. As a result, we take a long-term view when preparing and negotiating key fund agreements.

We advise hedge funds in all aspects of compliance with the