Private Funds, Hedge Funds & Alternative Investments

Operating in an evolving industry requires a legal team who can anticipate and respond to your needs. Our experienced group ensures that alternative investment clients get multi-dimensional, cost-effective legal services.

No matter what kind of investment strategy and investment product you manage, it's critical to have the advice and support of lawyers who have industry-specific expertise and a comprehensive understanding of the laws and regulations that affect your business. Whether you call your product a hedge fund, pooled fund, private equity fund or an alternative investment, operating in an evolving industry requires a legal team who can anticipate and respond to your needs.

We work collaboratively with our colleagues to offer expertise in other specialized areas, including:

- tax
- derivatives
- banking
- securities litigation
- pensions
- insurance
- securities registrant regulation and compliance

Through our combined experience, alternative investment clients receive multi-dimensional, cost-effective legal services.

We provide the necessary securities, banking and tax advice to launch your business and/or structure a new hedge fund, pooled fund, private equity fund or other alternative investment product.

Our services include:

- advising on the structuring of the fund manager and obtaining all necessary registrations and licensing
- structuring hedge funds, pooled funds, private equity funds and other alternative investment products, including preparing tailoreddocuments such as trust agreements, limited partnership agreements and articles of incorporation
- advising on the terms of offering and meeting all regulatory requirements, including access to the dealer distribution network (e.g., through FundSERV Inc.)
- drafting and/or reviewing offering documents and continuous disclosure filings, including offering memoranda, prospectuses, term sheets and marketing materials

- obtaining required regulatory relief from regulatory restrictions where necessary to allow you to operate your fund product and your business as desired
- drafting and/or negotiating management agreements, subscription agreements, prime brokerage agreements, derivative documentation and other material contracts
- assisting with diverse legal, regulatory and compliance matters relating to fund management, operations and administration, sales and marketing
- assisting with structuring and offering fund products, from initial establishment of compliance and operational systems to ongoing operations and continued product development
- working closely with local counsel in off-shore jurisdictions to provide tailored advice and recommendations

We also provide regulatory updates and thought leadership to our clients and we deliver continuing legal education to the investment management and registrant community.

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