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Blake Estes is a partner in the New York office of Gibson Dunn. He is a member of the Investment Funds Practice Group.

Blake guides alternative asset managers and broker-dealers through all aspects of the structuring, development, and distribution of private wealth-focused investment products, including interval funds, tender offer funds, Business Development Companies (BDCs), and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), among other evergreen retail alts structures.

Blake works extensively with alternative asset managers investing across a range of asset classes, including real estate, infrastructure, private equity and private credit. He steers clients through complex, intersecting regulatory frameworks to build retail distribution infrastructure, structure investment products that meet the unique needs of retail and mass affluent investors and develop innovative go-to-market strategies for those products, including through M&A transactions and joint ventures.

Blake provides essential legal and commercial guidance on a wide range of financial services and products, including those situated at the intersection of finance and technology. Blake is recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® for his work in FinTech.

Blake's representative clients include Blue Owl Capital, StepStone Group, Morgan Stanley, UBS Financial Services, and Fortress Investment Group.

Blake received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and received his B.A. in Economics (with honors) from the University of Texas at Austin. He is admitted to practice in the state of New York and is a member of the Futures and Derivatives Regulatory Committee of the NYC Bar Association.



Capabilities

Investment Funds
Data Centers and Digital Infrastructure
Private Equity
Real Estate
Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT)
Retail Investment Products

Credentials

Education

Georgetown University - 2000 Juris Doctor
University of Texas - 1996 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

New York Bar