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Edward Sopher is a partner in the New York office of Gibson Dunn and is Co-Chair of the Investment Funds Practice Group. Ed's practice focuses on the establishment and operation of private investment funds, including private equity funds, funds of funds, hedge funds, credit funds and real estate funds. He has extensive experience representing the investment managers and sponsors of these funds, as well as institutional investors, seed investors, placement agents and joint venture partners.

He has also been involved in a wide variety of investment, private equity and financing transactions for his investment fund clients, and leads the firm's significant practice in secondary transactions, representing some of the world's largest secondary investment funds in their investment and financing activities, as well as sponsors in GP-led restructurings and recapitalizations. His experience extends to transactions involving investment management firms, including stake investments, spin-outs, acquisitions, financings and joint ventures. Ed also represents investment firms in connection with their partnership and employee profit participation arrangements, and advises on SEC regulatory and other compliance matters.

Ed's clients include: Argonaut Private Capital, Blackstone Strategic Partners, Dextra Partners, GCM Grosvenor, Hamilton Lane, Neuberger Berman, Ottawa Avenue Private Capital, Rhône Capital and StepStone Group.

Ed is consistently featured as a leading lawyer in the area of private fund formation by: *Chambers USA*, *Chambers Global*, *The Best Lawyers in America*®, *Who's Who Legal Private Funds: Formation*, *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers*, *The International Financial Law Review*, *The Legal 500 United States*, *PLC Cross-border Private Equity Handbook*, and Legal Media Group's Expert Guides for *Guide to the World's Leading Investment Funds Lawyers*, *Guide to the World's Leading Private Equity Lawyers*, and *Guide to the World's Leading Banking, Finance and Transactional Lawyers*.

Ed is a member of the New York Bar and is also a solicitor in England and Wales. He is a member of several bar committees and a frequent speaker on matters relating to private investment funds.

Ed received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1982 and his Master of Arts in 1985 from Cambridge University.

Capabilities

Investment Funds
ESG: Risk, Litigation, and Reporting
Family Office
Private Equity

Credentials

Education

University of Cambridge - 1985 Master of Arts
University of Cambridge - 1982 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

New York Bar
England & Wales - Solicitor

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