

# Webcast: IPO and Public Company Readiness: Advance Planning for 2025 and 2026 IPOs – Considerations for Private Equity Sponsor-Backed Portfolio Company IPOs

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Please join us for a comprehensive guide to preparing Private Equity sponsor-backed portfolio companies for an Initial Public Offering. We cover key considerations for IPO planning throughout the entire life cycle of a portfolio company, from the initial acquisition by the sponsor to the IPO process and life with a public portfolio company. This presentation is ideal for private equity sponsors, in-house lawyers and executives involved in preparing sponsor-backed portfolio companies for the IPO process. We provide practical guidance on navigating the legal and other complexities of going public and ensuring long-term compliance and success in the public markets.

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