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Elaine advises clients on a broad spectrum of legal issues relating to the establishment, structuring, and operation of U.S.-based and offshore investment vehicles, as well as joint ventures, managed accounts, and other alternative investment relationships. Her clients are leading U.S. and global investment managers, funds, and investors who value her experience, ingenuity, and counsel.

Working closely with hedge funds, private equity funds, venture funds, credit funds, funds of funds, and other pooled investment vehicles, Elaine advises on all aspects of operational needs, securities laws, and regulatory and compliance issues. She also represents private investors in fund and direct investments. Beyond her knowledge of fund formation, capital raising, and structuring, Elaine is experienced with seed and strategic investment negotiations, fund-related mergers and acquisitions, and secondary transactions.

Elaine has played a primary role in transactions involving structures and assets with values ranging from tens of millions to several billion dollars. She has had substantial involvement in shareholder and partnership arrangements and in providing regulatory advice to investment advisors. She has also advised clients on a number of corporate transactional matters and strategic alliances.

An authority on private funds and investments, Elaine is regularly invited to speak on the subject. She has also been a guest speaker on venture capital financings and shareholder relationships, and a committee co-chair for the National Venture Capital Association Model Legal Document Working Group.

HONORS & AWARDS

- > **Super Lawyers: Rising Star (2013-2014)**
- > **The Legal 500 - USA (2017)**
Recognized in the area of Investment Fund Formation and Management – Alternative/Hedge Funds

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- > **Opal Group's Family Office Winter Forum 2018**, New York, NY, March 1, 2018
- > Facilitator, **Private Equity Fund of Funds Roundtable**, Lowenstein Sandler, New York, NY, October 24, 2017
- > Speaker, **Investing in Private Equity/Venture Capital**, Endowment & Foundation Forum, Boston, MA, November 14, 2016

EDUCATION

- > Boston College Law School (J.D. 1998), magna cum laude
- > Harvard University (B.A. 1995), cum laude

ADMISSIONS

- > New York
- > New Jersey
- > Massachusetts