



# Private Equity Litigation

## Focused On Your Internal Rate of Return

We understand that business litigation is an investment. Whether your fund or portfolio company is a plaintiff or defendant, every dollar you spend impacts the bottom line. Your goal is to increase returns and our job is to help you navigate the litigation process to maximize value and minimize expense. When we defend you, our role is to limit your exposure. When we pursue a claim, our job is to make sure that your costs are proportionate to the goal you are trying to achieve. And we also understand that litigation is often simply a part of a larger negotiation to achieve a business objective. At every stage of a case, we will work with you to make sure that our approach is designed both to achieve your litigation goals and help maximize returns on your portfolio investments.

## Complicated Disputes Require Top Lawyers to Get the Job Done

There's a reason our litigators have been identified among the **Top 100 Attorneys in the New York Metro Area** and are repeatedly selected by business litigators statewide to lead the New York State Bar Association's Commercial and Federal Litigation Section. ***Simply put, our litigators get the job done.***

## Experience and Success In All Types of Private Equity Disputes

We have the experience to prosecute or defend the broad range of disputes your funds or your portfolio company may face – shareholder derivative disputes, non-compete enforcement, executive terminations, post-closing purchase price adjustments, indemnification claims, breaches of representation and warranty claims, fraudulent inducement and concealment claims, trade secret claims, and brokerage and finder fee disputes.

## The Premier Firm For Private Equity Litigation in New York's Commercial Division

Few, if any other, firms have the depth of experience and reputation for excellence in NY State Commercial Division litigation – New York's specialized court for handling sophisticated business disputes. In fact, New York's Chief Judge and the New York Commercial Division justices have appointed our partners to Advisory Councils to make sure the courts are responsive to the needs of businesses. When your portfolio company sues or is sued in New York, and when your fund has disputes with New York investors, your case will be heard by a Commercial Division Justice. You simply can't go wrong by retaining our firm to be your advocate in that setting.

## Governmental, Regulatory and Internal Investigations

In addition to our business litigation practice, our partners have substantial experience in defending against governmental and regulatory investigations. Our success in these representations stems from a combination of the knowledge our partners have gained from their own government service at the SEC and practical financial industry acumen gained from working with professionals on both the buy and sell side and the accountants and experts who service them. Our lawyers represent registered investment advisers, broker-dealers, and other securities industry professionals and officers and directors of publicly-held companies in connection with enforcement investigations and examinations conducted by the SEC, FINRA, the CFTC, and the offices of the United States Attorney and State Attorneys General. We also regularly conduct internal investigations on behalf of companies, audit committees and outside auditing firms. As the SEC continues its increased scrutiny of private equity funds, we are ready to help guide you and be your advocate in any examination or investigation your fund may face.

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