



## → Benedict O. Kwon

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Benedict O. Kwon is a partner in the Corporate Practice Group in the firm's Orange County office. He is Leader of the Investment Management Practice at Sheppard Mullin and is the Chair of the American Bar Association Subcommittee on Private Equity and Venture Capital Fund Formation.

### Areas of Practice

Benedict regularly represents a broad range of alternative asset management firms in the formation and ongoing operation of their private equity and other private investment funds. He also has significant experience in structuring the portfolio investments of private equity funds and real estate funds.

Benedict has formed an array of private investment funds, including private equity funds, venture capital funds, real estate funds, mezzanine debt funds, film funds and hedge funds. In addition, Benedict has formed a number of REITs, including the conversion of real estate funds into REITs. Benedict also advises private investment funds with respect to formation issues and efficient tax structuring. He also has deep experience counseling clients on Investment Advisers Act compliance issues.

## Experience

### Venture Capital Fund Formations

Represented investment managers in the Structuring and Formation of Venture Capital Funds focused on the technology space, incubators, cryptocurrency and healthcare.

### Real Estate Fund Formations

Represented investment managers in the Structuring and Formation of Real Estate Funds focused on hotel development, multi-family, real estate credit and NNN lease.

### Private Equity

Represented investment managers in the Structuring and Formation of Private Equity Funds focused on the technology, healthcare and consumer products space. In addition, represented investment managers in the formation of Cannabis related Private Equity Funds.

### REITs

Represented investment managers in the formation of REITs investing in multi-family housing and mortgage debt. Represented real estate funds converting into REITs.

### Debt Funds

Represented investment managers in the Structuring and Formation of Mezzanine Debt Funds and Mortgage Debt Funds.

## **Cross Border Funds**

Represented investment managers in the Structuring and Formation of various Funds where the investors were located in Europe, China and the Middle East.

## **Life Insurance Funds**

Represented investment managers in the Structuring and Formation of Funds investing in life settlement assets.

## **Investment Adviser Registration**

Represented investment managers in their registration as investment advisers with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

## **Mergers and Acquisitions**

Represented sell side and buy side transactions in the technology, real estate services, consumer products and education space.

## **Speaking Engagements**

Custody Issues for Cryptocurrency Funds, American Bar Association Subcommittee on Private Equity and Venture Capital Fund Formation, Vancouver 2019

Formation of Cryptocurrency Funds, American Bar Association Subcommittee on Private Equity and Venture Capital Fund Formation, Orlando 2018

Emerging Compliance and Operational Issues in the Private Equity and Real Estate Industry, ACA Compliance Group, 2018

## **Memberships**

Chair of the American Bar Association Subcommittee on Private Equity and Venture Capital Fund Formation

Past Vice Chair of the California Bar Association Committee on Partnerships and LLCs

California Hedge Fund Association

Past Board Member of the Pacific Symphony

## **Practices**

Corporate

Mergers and Acquisitions

Private Equity

Tax

Hedge Funds and Private Equity

Investment Management

Korea

Real Estate Tax

## Industries

Investment Management

Multifamily Housing

## Education

J.D., Northwestern University School of Law, 1999

B.A., University of Illinois, 1994

## Admissions

California

Illinois

Pennsylvania