



Matthew S. Eisenberg

PARTNER

meisenberg@fdh.com

T: (203) 325-5084 - F: (203) 325-5001

Overview

Matthew Eisenberg has more than 28 years of experience advising investment management industry participants, including:

- Investment managers.
- Investment funds (hedge funds, private equity funds, futures funds, funds of funds).
- Family offices (single and multi-family).
- Pension plans.
- Other institutional investors.
- Placement agents.

Mr. Eisenberg has significant expertise advising as to legal, regulatory and business matters, including: formation and structuring; registration and licensing; compliance policies and procedures; separately managed accounts; special purposes investment vehicles; seed investments; counterparty and service provider arrangements; marketing and distribution practices; joint ventures and other strategic transactions; legal due diligence review of fund offering documents; and regulatory examinations and investigations.

Significant Representations

- Structuring and formation of investment managers, family offices and placement agents.
- Structuring and formation of private investment funds – including hedge funds, private equity funds, futures funds, funds of funds, special purpose investment vehicles – employing a broad range of investment strategies and structures.
- Advising investment managers (including single- and multi-family offices) and placement agents regarding investment adviser, broker-dealer, commodity pool operator, commodity trading adviser, state (“blue sky”) and other registration and compliance matters.

- Advising family offices, funds of funds and other institutional investors regarding seed, founder and strategic investments and allocations – through investment fund investments, “funds of one” and separately managed accounts.
- Legal, compliance and “market” review of hedge fund, private equity fund, venture capital fund and other investment fund offering and organizational documents and terms for family offices, funds of funds, pension plans and other investors.
- Advising investment managers, family offices and placement agents regarding various operational matters, including: hiring, retention, compensation and supervision of employees and other personnel; development and implementation of compliance policies and procedures; and service provider and counterparty arrangements.
- Advising investment managers regarding strategic transactions and arrangements – including joint ventures, equity and asset sales, mergers and acquisitions, exit strategies and succession matters.
- Advising investment managers and placement agents regarding marketing and distribution practices and arrangements, and related operational, regulatory and compliance matters.

Mr. Eisenberg is a member of the board of directors of the Connecticut Hedge Fund Association. He has been a moderator and panelist at numerous industry events and a guest lecturer at law schools regarding a variety of topics – including investment fund formation and operations, investment adviser and commodity pool operator registration and compliance, seed investor arrangements, family office investments and investment allocations, regulatory examinations and industry trends. Mr. Eisenberg has also periodically testified as an investment management and hedge fund industry expert before governmental agencies and government-appointed commissions, such as Connecticut's Leadership in Corporation & Business Law Commission.

Mr. Eisenberg earned his law degree from NYU School of Law. After law school, he joined the New York City law firm of Rogers & Wells in 1990. In 1993, Mr. Eisenberg joined the New York City law firm of Winthrop, Stimson Putnam & Roberts. From 1996 to 2007, Mr. Eisenberg was Co-Founder and Partner at an investment management-focused law firm based in Fairfield County, Connecticut. From 2007 to the present, Mr. Eisenberg has been a Partner at Finn Dixon & Herling, and a senior member of its Investment Management, Investment Funds and Family Office practice areas.

Publications

CCO University Course: “Developing & Implementing an Investment Adviser Compliance Program”

Events

"Allocations by Institutional Investors to Asset Managers", Association of Corporate Counsel, September 2016

"Hedge Fund Fees", Global Alpha Forum, November 2015

Emerging Fund Managers Seminar Series, AIMA Canada, September 2015

KPMG Emerging Managers Forum - Focus on Hedge Fund Start-ups, June 2014

Emerging Fund Managers Seminar Series, AIMA Canada, September 2013

Third Party Marketers Association 2012 Annual Conference, November 2012

Hedge Fund Operational Due Diligence Conference, FRA, October 2012

"Hedge Fund Revolution - Alternative Investment Focus", Meeting of the Americas Conference, March 2012

"The Transformation of Third Party Marketer Contacts and Compensation", Third Party Marketers Association, October 2011

"Non-U.S. Hedge Funds - Legal and Compliance Implications of Marketing in the U.S.", AIMA Canada, September 2011

"New Requirements for PE, VC and Hedge Fund Advisers under Financial Reform Legislation", Finn Dixon & Herling LLP Webinar Series, July 2010

"Hedge Fund Regulation", Association of Corporate Counsel – Westchester / Southern Connecticut Chapter (WESFACCA), July 2009

"Going Offshore: Raising Capital in the United States", AIMA Canada, May 2009

Practices

Hedge Funds / Private Equity Funds / Other Investment Funds

Investment Advisers & Broker-Dealers

International Practice

Government & Internal Investigations

Family Offices

Education

New York University School of Law, J.D., 1990

State University of New York at Binghamton, B.A., 1987

Bar Admissions

New York, 1991

Connecticut, 1990

Associations and Memberships

Connecticut Hedge Fund Association (Board Member)

Managed Funds Association

Hedge Fund Association

CCO University (Senior Faculty Member)

American Bar Association

Connecticut Bar Association