



Michael P. O'Hare

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Michael O'Hare focuses his practice on advising investment companies (including mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, business development companies and private funds), independent directors, investment advisers, broker-dealers and financial services organizations with regard to securities and corporate laws and regulations, compliance and transactional matters.

In addition to work associated with the registration, regulation and operation of investment companies and investment advisers under federal and state securities laws, Mike has helped a number of established investment firms launch their first registered and unregistered investment company products.

He counsels clients with regard to regulatory and compliance matters such as U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) exemptive and interpretive relief, SEC inspections and investigations, compliance policies and procedures, special investments and valuation of securities.

Mike also has experience advising fund boards and their independent directors on issues relating to fiduciary duties and fund governance. He assists clients with fund creation and operation; business transactions such as fund and adviser restructurings, acquisitions and other corporate transactions; and negotiation of various service provider and intermediary agreements. In particular, he has experience with regard to corporate governance and represents both funds and fund independent directors.

Mike's fund clients include multi-manager funds, money market funds, funds of funds, liquid alternative funds, closed-end interval funds and funds underlying variable annuity products.

Featured Representative Matters

Serves as fund, adviser, independent director and/or independent trustee counsel for the following:

- AssetMark mutual funds
- Capital Group KKR closed-end interval funds
- Day Hagan ETFs

Services

- Investment Management
- Registered Investment Funds
- Independent Trustee Counsel
- Common & Collective Trust Funds
- Derivatives & Commodities
- Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs)
- Money Market Funds
- Investment Advisers
- Investment Management Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Investment Funds
- Retail Alternative Funds
- Business Development Companies
- Listed Closed-End Funds

Education

- Temple University Beasley School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*)
- La Salle University (B.S., *maxima cum laude*)

- Future Standard BDCs and closed-end/interval funds
- Hamilton Lane closed-end interval/tender offer funds
- Hirtle mutual funds
- Horizon mutual funds
- Jacob mutual funds
- KKR BDCs and closed-end tender offer funds
- Morgan Stanley BDCs
- Olstein mutual funds
- Rational mutual funds
- RBC mutual funds
- Strategy Shares ETFs

Memberships

- Member, Stradley Ronon Technology Committee

Recognitions

- *Suburban Life Magazine*, Top Attorney: Securities Law (2021-23)
- *The Legal 500 US* (Recommended: Mutual/Registered/Exchange-Traded Funds) (2018-20)
- *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, Influencer of Law: Investment Management (2019)

Featured Speaking Engagements

- Moderator, “The Fund Board’s Role in Mergers & Acquisitions,” Mutual Fund Directors Forum Directors’ Institute
- Presenter, “Opt In or Opt Out: Significant Developments, Board Considerations, and Policies and Procedures in Opt-Out Litigation,” Stradley Ronon Seminar
- Panelist, “Nuts & Bolts of Being a Fund Director,” Mutual Fund Directors Forum Directors’ Institute
- Presenter, “Hot Topics in SEC Enforcement and Examinations,” Investment Company Institute’s Legal Forum
- Moderator, “Director Discussion Series – Open Forum,” Mutual Fund Directors Forum
- Panelist, “Nuts & Bolts of Being a Fund Director,” Mutual Fund Directors Forum Directors’ Institute
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Admissions

- Pennsylvania