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# **Olivier Cassagnol**

# Associate

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### **OVERVIEW**

Olivier Cassagnol is an associate in the Asset Management and Investment Fund group. He represents private investors, public pension funds, foundations, and other institutional investors in their investments in domestic and international private equity funds, including co-investments, venture capital funds, and hedge funds. Olivier has successfully negotiated terms of limited partnership agreements and side letters for clients investing from \$10 million to \$500 million.

## **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

Prior to joining the firm, Olivier served as a staff attorney at a New York law firm. Olivier coordinated with partners, AML team, and tax teams to negotiate and execute side letters and transfer agreements for large private equity funds. He also created and maintained master side letters, executed side letter compendiums, and status trackers across multiple funds. Olivier reviewed investor questionnaires for regulatory and tax accuracy, he processed subscription documents in large private equity fundraises and lead teams in providing legal advice to small business owners on a pro bono basis via Start Small Think Big and the New York City Business Solutions Center.

### **ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND**

Prior to working in law firms, Olivier served as vice president in a New York bank in the financial crime compliance group. Olivier monitored transactions for fraud and market manipulation in low-priced securities as well as fraud in hedge funds. Olivier coordinated with the legal team to escalate suspicious activity and file suspicious activity reports.

# **EDUCATION**

- J.D., Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, 2007
- B.A., Yale University, 1997

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### **ADMISSIONS**

Bar of New York

# **AREAS OF FOCUS**

Asset Management and Investment Funds

### **REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE**

- Advised an institutional state benefit plan on investing in an evergreen infrastructure fund.
- Advised a state pension plan on investing in a private equity fund while simultaneously establishing a coinvestment vehicle.
- Advised a foundation on investing through multiple entities in an infrastructure fund.
- Advised a sovereign wealth institutional investor after analyzing fund documents. Negotiated agreement and side letter terms on behalf of the investor.