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OVERVIEW

Abigail Hemnes is a partner in the firm's investment management practice group. Abigail focuses her practice on representing open and closed-end investment management companies. Abigail advises investment companies and their boards of directors on all matters of regulation, registration and compliance; including new product launches, disclosure matters, proxy issues, mergers and reorganizations. She has experience representing registered investment companies before the Securities and Exchange Commission on matters relating to disclosure, registration statements, proxy statements and other filings. She has further experience working with all types of registered funds of funds and funds targeted to investors with certain expected retirement dates.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

During law school, Abigail served as a legal intern to the Honorable Nancy Gertner and interned in the general counsel's office of a Massachusetts-based pharmaceutical company. Prior to joining K&L Gates, Abigail worked in Mauritius as a law clerk in a management company providing corporate services to offshore and international companies. Abigail was a summer associate at K&L Gates in 2008.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Certified Legal Project Manager (LawVision)
- In 2019, Abigail Hemnes was awarded "Rising Star" at the 26th Mutual Funds Industry Awards sponsored by *Fund Industry Intelligence and Fund Director Intelligence*. The "Rising Stars" were selected based on their accomplishments and contributions to the mutual fund industry in the areas of client service and product innovation that makes them stand out among their peers and position them as future leaders.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Member, Subcommittee on Investment Companies and Investment Advisers, Committee on Federal Regulation of Securities, Business Law Section, American Bar Association

EDUCATION

- J.D., Northeastern University School of Law, 2009
- B.A., Simmons College, 2006 (*summa cum laude*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Massachusetts

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- September 2020, Understanding the SEC's Proposed Modernized Fund Shareholder Reports and Disclosures (*Research Surveys*)
- 19 August 2020, SEC Proposes Major Changes to Prospectus and Shareholder Report Disclosure Scheme (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 6 May 2020, COVID-19: Massachusetts Joins the Five Other New England States in Temporarily Permitting Remote Notarization (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 10 April 2020, COVID-19: New England States Embrace Remote Notarization as Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont Temporarily Eliminate "In-Person" Requirements (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 8 January 2019, SEC Proposes a New Rule for Fund of Funds Arrangements (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 15 August 2018, Saving Trees: SEC Allows Notice & Access Delivery of Shareholder Reports (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 11 June 2018, Click-Here for Your Fund Report: SEC Endorses Web-Delivery and Asks for Comments (*Alerts/Updates*)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 2, 17, and 29 September 2020, Understanding the SEC's Proposed Modernized Fund Shareholder Reports and Disclosures (*Upcoming Event*)
- 21 February 2019, K&L Gates Names 24 New Partners Across Four Continents (*Press Release*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Asset Management and Investment Funds
- Investment Funds
- Portfolio Management, Trading, and Compliance

- U.S. Registered Investment Companies

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Reviewing organizational structures in light of SEC proposed and adopted rules
- Representing clients in fund adoptions and fund reorganizations
- Negotiating the resolution of SEC Staff comments regarding registration statements relating to fund launches, adoptions and reorganizations
- Counseling clients in the establishment, registration, and operation of retail and institutional fund products
- Serving as counsel to registered funds and their boards
- Organizing and registering investment companies using various fund structures, such as master-feeder and multiple class