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OVERVIEW

Kenneth Holston is a partner in the firm's Boston office where he is a member of the asset management and investment funds practice group. Kenneth has a broad range of experience – both in-house and through private practice – in the private markets funds, derivatives, and structured products areas and counsels clients on a variety of regulatory, compliance, and corporate matters, including fund formation, trading operations and legislative and industry developments.

Kenneth counsels institutional investors, including university endowments, foundations, government entities, sovereign wealth funds, family offices, and consultants on their private markets investments and use of derivatives.

Kenneth counsels sponsors and advisers to private funds, including venture capital, private equity, liquidity and hedge funds and structured products, with respect to regulatory obligations, structuring and transactional issues, and prepares organizational and disclosure documents for private offerings of securities.

Kenneth regularly advises clients on derivatives regulation (Dodd-Frank, European Market Infrastructure Regulation (EMIR) and other regulatory regimes), protocols and documentation, including ISDAs, MSFTAs, futures agreements, prime brokerage agreements, clearing arrangements, repurchase transactions and securities lending.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Kenneth was assistant vice president and senior counsel for a global investment management company based in Boston where he worked six years. Before joining the private sector, he was an associate at two Boston law firms.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Fulbright Research Fellowship, Germany
- Graduate Fellow, Free University Berlin

- Mellon Foundation Grant
- German Academic Exchange Service Grant
- Order of the Coif

EDUCATION

- J.D., Boston College Law School, (*magna cum laude*)
- Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania
- A.B., The University of Chicago

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Massachusetts

LANGUAGES

- German

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 12 November 2020, Goodbye to All That: SEC Adopts Rules Overhauling Funds' Use of Derivatives; Ends Asset Segregation (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 3 August 2020, Private Equity Emerging Manager Series (*Webinar*)
- 13 May 2020, COVID-19: Key Issues for Swap and Repo Participants in a Difficult Market (*Webinar*)
- 5 March 2020, A Farewell to ANE: CFTC Proposes Rule to Improve Regulation of Cross-Border Swap Transactions (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 13 August 2019, Final Phase of Initial Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps to Be Delayed Until September 2021 for Most Market Participants—How to Manage Timelines and Expectations in Light of Recent Actions by Global Regulators (*Alerts/Updates*)
- June 2018, Risk Retention: What's Left? (*Webinar*)
- May 2018, CLO Manager Forum: Managing Risk in Multiple Markets (*Webinar*)
- March 2018, CLO Investor Forum: Balancing Risk, Returns and Conflicting Interests (*Webinar*)
- 29 December 2017, SEC Broadens Enforcement Activity Related to Private Equity Fees and Expenses — And Narrows the Opportunity for Managers to Correct Past Deficiencies (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 21 July 2017, MiFID II Toolkit for Global Investment Managers (*Alerts/Updates*)

- 15 August 2016, Brexit's Impact on ISDA Documentation (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 30 June 2016, Brexit: A First Look at the Impact on Asset Managers That Trade Derivatives (*Alerts/Updates*)

NEWS & EVENTS

- August 2020, K&L Gates Lawyers Provide Insights on Impact of COVID-19 Across Various Industries (*Media Mention*)
- 2 March 2018, K&L Gates Names 34 New Partners Across Global Platform (*Press Release*)
- 23 December 2015, K&L Gates Further Expands Investment Management Practice with Washington, D.C., Partner Addition (*Press Release*)
- 5 November 2015, K&L Gates Further Strengthens Investment Management Practice with New York Partner Addition (*Press Release*)
- 23 September 2015, K&L Gates Adds to Investment Management Practice with Boston Partner Hire (*Press Release*)
- 6 August 2015, K&L Gates Strengthens Investment Management Practice with New York Partner Addition (*Press Release*)
- 30 July 2015, K&L Gates Strengthens Investment Management Practice with Boston Lawyer Addition (*Press Release*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Asset Management and Investment Funds
- Capital Markets and Derivatives
- Fintech Lending
- Global Distribution
- Global Financial Services Regulation
- Hedge Funds
- Institutional Investors
- Investment Advisers
- Investment Funds
- Portfolio Management, Trading, and Compliance
- Private Equity Funds
- Real Estate Funds