

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Cummings & Lockwood's Investment Management practice provides goal-oriented, practical counsel to some of the country's most prominent investment advisers and investment management firms. We guide clients in all aspects of their business operations – from inception through growth.

Our attorneys provide advice in all areas of business creation and structuring, including:

- Creation of investment management firms
- Registration with the state or the Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC)
- Creation and administration of effective compliance programs
- Formation of investment funds
- Serving as advisers to mutual funds
- Managing a broad range of day-to-day business issues

We also work with investment management clients to form hedge funds and other pooled investment vehicles. This includes providing advice on the structure of funds; preparing formation, disclosure and offering documents; providing registration and exemption advice; assisting with compliance issues; and delivering ongoing legal support.

We provide legal advice and assistance to investment management clients on a wide variety of matters that encompass:

- Drafting and negotiating investment management agreements
- Developing and implementing compliance programs, including Regulation D compliance, and providing ongoing compliance advice and assistance
- Conducting compliance reviews of existing programs
- Reviewing marketing and advertising materials
- Preparing formation documents for funds and their general partners
- Drafting disclosure and subscription materials distributed to fund participants
- Providing counsel to investment adviser clients regarding responsibilities involved in advising mutual funds
- Providing counsel to business owners on ownership and succession planning issues
- Preparing buy-sell agreements, stockholder agreements and LLC operating agreements
- Assisting with regulatory exam preparation
- Advising funds and advisers regarding registration exemptions
- Establishing Investment Adviser Registration Depository (IARD) enablement and filing submissions

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- Handling U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and state blue sky filings
- Drafting employment and consulting agreements and related documents
- Drafting real estate leases and purchases
- Reviewing and negotiating marketing agreements with third parties and handling related compliance issues
- Assisting with credit facilities
- Handling corporate governance matters

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