

Michael A. de Freitas

Mr. de Freitas is a member of the firm of William C. Moran & Associates, P.C. in Williamsville, New York. He primarily represents not-for-profit organizations in corporate, tax exemption, regulatory, and transactional matters. He graduated from College of the Holy Cross and Cornell Law School. He is a member of the Corporation Law and Not-for-Profit Corporation Law Committees of the Business Law Section, chairs the Section's Legislative Affairs Committee, and has regularly co-chaired the Non-Profit Law continuing-education seminars of the Association.

Christopher S. Edwards

Christopher S. Edwards is Counsel at Reitler Kailas & Rosenblatt LLC in 2008 and provides counsel to a variety of venture capital funds and to a broad range of companies, from start-ups to publicly-traded entities, in the fields of venture capital, mergers and acquisitions, banking, securities and general corporate law. He has particularly deep and broad experience with emerging-growth companies in industries ranging from biotech to data, life sciences, manufacturing, media, medicine, online consumer and business-to-business platforms, retail, railroads, robotics and other technology. He received his law degree from Harvard Law School and previously worked at Manhattan- and London-based law firms and in-house at Bank of America.



David A. Goldstein

Partner

David Goldstein is a Partner in the Nonprofit/Tax Exempt/Religious Organizations Practice Group at Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP, where he concentrates his practice in the area of not-for-profit law. Mr. Goldstein represents a range of international, national, regional and local not-for-profit and religious entities across a wide variety of nonprofit sectors. He serves on the New York State Bar Association's Business Law Section Executive Committee, and is the Chair of the Not-for-Profit Corporations Law Committee.

Practice Areas:

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Mr. Goldstein counsels and advocates for not-for-profits and religious organizations in a wide variety of areas, including governance, regulatory matters, ethics and conflicts of interest, risk assessment, risk management, operations, disputes and litigation, as well as commercial matters. He represents clients in regulatory matters involving the Internal Revenue Service (including 501(c)(3) qualification), the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Trade Commission and New York State agencies such as the Charities Bureau of the Office of the Attorney General, the Department of State, the Division of Cemeteries, the Education Department, the Division of Homes and Community Renewal, the Office of Mental Health and the Insurance Department.

Prior to joining Certilman Balin, Mr. Goldstein was a partner in the New York City office of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP, where his practice included general corporate and securities law, equipment leasing, private label programs, securitizations and outside general counsel services. In addition to his domestic practice, Mr. Goldstein has extensive international experience, working closely with clients and local counsel in 35 countries across Europe, Asia, Latin America and Africa.

Mr. Goldstein earned a Bachelor of Arts in Labor Studies from the State University of New York at Old Westbury in 1992, and a Juris Doctor from Fordham Law School in 1995, cum laude, top 10% of his class. At Fordham, he was a member of the International Law Journal, and was honored with the Archibald R. Murray Public Service Award. He is admitted to practice in New York.

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Julia Hueckel is a Vice President and Assistant General Counsel at Bank of America Merrill Lynch in New York. Ms. Hueckel supports the US credit derivatives and OTC derivatives client clearing businesses and also has responsibility for US OTC derivatives clearing regulatory issues and clearing market infrastructure. Prior to joining Bank of America Merrill Lynch in 2015, Ms. Hueckel was an Associate at Milbank Tweed and Allen & Overy in New York, where she advised on derivatives documentation, clearing and regulatory questions. Ms. Hueckel received her JD with honors from Emory University and her BS cum laude from Duke University.



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Bio

David R. Lallouz is a partner in Tannenbaum Helpert's Business and Finance Group where he advises clients on complex corporate transactions. For nearly two decades, David has helped clients creatively structure, negotiate and implement mergers and acquisitions, private equity and venture capital transactions, joint ventures, strategic investments, financings, and public offerings. In that time, David has successfully negotiated well over a hundred M&A, PE, VC and related transactions, representing clients on both the buy side and sell side, particularly in the "middle market," and across a wide range of industries, including, industrial, manufacturing, commercial and retail business, financial services, including global financial institutions, multi-billion dollar investment funds and family offices, life sciences and health care, staffing, professional services, advertising, and talent management, to name a few. David also represents investors in PIPE (private investments in public equity) transactions and registered direct offerings.

David's experience in the life sciences industry, in particular, is extensive, advising private equity and venture capital funds, as well as issuers in private placements, having closed literally dozens of transactions to date. He is also a member of firm's Cannabis law practice with a focus on investment-related activities in the rapidly expanding industry.

David is also experienced in the field of distribution law, particularly with regard to food and beverage distribution, including drafting and negotiating distribution and supply agreements for distributors and manufacturers alike. Notably, David's M&A experience includes significant acquisitions and joint ventures among distributors and suppliers, including in the alcoholic beverage and soft drink industries. In addition, he regularly advises and counsels clients on corporate governance, business formation and capitalization, as well as commercial and contractual relationships. David is a co-founder of Tannenbaum Helpert's [StartMeUp](#) program for entrepreneurs, offering a suite of legal services tailored to the needs of new business owners.

Additionally, David is a member of the firm's Cybersecurity Practice Group, advising clients on the risks and legal requirements associated with emerging technological threats, particularly in the context of corporate transactions.

Given the scope and breadth of David's experience in corporate transactions, he has been retained to provide testimony as an expert witness to a U.S. federal court on the M&A process and best practices.

Prior to joining Tannenbaum Helpert in 2008, David was a partner in a leading international law firm based in Montreal, where his experience included Canadian, U.S. and cross-border mergers and acquisitions. David began his career in Quebec where he remains admitted to practice. Fluent both in English and French, he advises clients in both languages and has been selected for inclusion in Super Lawyers since 2011.

Case Studies

- [Negotiation of Wealth Management Group's Relationship with Large Investment Bank](#)

Practice Areas:

- [Corporate, Capital Formation & Securities Law](#)
- [Creditors' Rights & Business Reorganization](#)
- [Cybersecurity and Data Privacy](#)
- [Financial Services, Private Funds and Capital Markets](#)
- [Franchise Law, Distribution and E-Commerce](#)

Areas of Focus:

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Financing
- Venture Capital
- Corporate Governance
- Commercial Transactions

Education:

Law School:

- McGill University, 2001, B.C.L., LL.B
- *Honors*: Distinction; James McGill Scholar

Memberships:

Professional:

- New York State Bar Association
- Quebec Bar Association

Bar Admissions:

- New York

- [Venture Capital Fund Bid for Assets of Smart Technology Chapter 11 Debtors](#)
- [Successful sale of a global business](#)
- [New Markets Tax Credit financing for New York City non-profit entity](#)
- [Sale of Century-old Business](#)
- [Merger and Equity Raise](#)
- [Acquisition of Beer Distributorships in New England](#)

- [Quebec](#)

Award Recognition:

- [Rising Star-SuperLawyers: 2011-2017](#)

Significant Matters

- Represents a specialty real estate investment group, continuing its acquisition of a major portfolio of shopping centers and mixed-use real estate throughout the Northeast.
- Sale of influential news talent agency to one of the world's largest talent agencies based in Hollywood.
- Double-reverse subsidiary merger and multi-million dollar recapitalization of two bio-pharm research companies to form a global leader in cancer research and prevention.
- \$45 million New Market Tax Credit financing of one of New York City's most storied charitable organizations.
- Global reorganization of an international property owner with approximately 3 billion of worldwide real estate and related assets.
- Strategic acquisition of a North American leader in high-speed entertainment and communications services
- Sale of a significant investment manager with approximately \$11 billion of assets under management to a leading Japanese investment bank.
- 2011 public offering of over \$660 million, and 2009 public offering of approximately \$500 million for a significant commodity exchange traded fund (ETF) listed on the NYSE-ARCA.
- Sale of a classic and contemporary world cinema film distributor and home entertainment company.
- Numerous private investments in public equity and registered direct offerings.
- Cross-border acquisitions and dispositions involving manufacturing, health-care, IT and emerging-technology businesses.
- Various private placements and venture capital financings in the biotech and telecommunications industries.
- Numerous private acquisitions involving U.S. investment banks, including the acquisition of a NYSE market-maker.
- Senior and subordinated acquisition financings on behalf of both buyers and banks.

Publications

- [Legalized Adult-Use Marijuana Coming to New York?](#) | August 2018
- [THSH Cyber Alert: GoDaddy the latest to leave S3 Bucket Unsecured](#) | August 2018
- [NYS Department of Financial Services Issues Guidance to Banks on Servicing the Marijuana Industry](#) | July 2018
- [Global Ransomware Attack: Basic Security Measures Every Business Should Adopt](#) | May 2017
- [Overview of Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Regulatory Landscape for Investment Advisers and Other Financial Services Companies](#) | May 2017
- [Cybersecurity Risk Update – Hackers Take Over Bank via DNS](#) | E-Alert | April 2017
- [Failure to quickly address cyber breaches can lead to dire business consequences](#) | E-Alert | April 2017
- [What's New in the Revised New York State Proposed Cybersecurity Regulation?](#) | January 2017
- [Proposed NYS DFS Cybersecurity Regulations to Significantly Impact FS Companies](#) | December 2016
- [Delaware Court Reiterates Need for Unambiguous Non-Reliance Provisions in M&A Agreements](#) | June 2016
- [Phantom Equity Plans: A Flexible Alternative to Retain and Motivate Key Employees](#) | Employment Note | June 2016
- [Rules for Equity Crowdfunding Effective May 16, 2016](#) | May 2016
- [On the Horizon: What to do before selling your staffing business](#) | Staffing Industry Analyst | October 2015
- [Real Estate Crowdfunding – Navigating the Securities Laws](#) | Note from the Real Estate Group | October 2015
- [The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: Key Requirements for Employers with Fewer than 50 Employees](#) | November 2012

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Peter LaVigne is a partner in Goodwin's Financial Industry and FinTech practices. He advises clients involved in the distribution of securities as issuer or intermediary at every level, public and private, and his expertise includes broker-dealer and securities regulation and the Municipal Advisor Rules. Mr. LaVigne advises banks, broker-dealers, investment advisers, private fund managers and crowdfunding and other financial technology platforms in navigating evolving regulatory and compliance matters. As the Chair of the Business Law Section of the New York State Bar Association and a member and former Chair of its Securities Regulation Committee, Mr. LaVigne keeps a close watch over changes to laws and rules affecting the financial services industry.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Financial Industry
Investment Management
Banking
Consumer Financial Services
Hedge Funds
Capital Markets
FinTech
Private Investment Funds
Public Companies
Venture Capital + Private Equity Funds

EXPERIENCE

Mr. LaVigne's experience includes the registration of new broker-dealers, as well as advice concerning exemptions from registration, mergers and acquisitions involving broker-dealers and the rules of FINRA

concerning change in control filings. He represents underwriters and placement agents with respect to FINRA rules applicable to public and private offerings, including rules governing new issues, IPO allocations and research analysts, trade reporting, Regulation M, Rule NMS and the short sale rules. He has also counseled broker-dealer firms in responding to examinations, inquiries and Wells notices. He advises issuers on the use of securities exemptions and assists them in structuring agreements with placement agents and arrangements with third-party brokers permitting the registration of issuer employees on an independent contractor basis.

Mr. LaVigne also advises banks, investment advisers and private fund managers, as well as broker-dealers, concerning the evolving municipal advisor registration requirements and helps fintech innovators to identify and navigate the financial regulations that apply to their businesses.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Mr. LaVigne is the Chair of the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association Business Law Section and from 2013 to 2016 was Chair of the Securities Regulation Committee of that Section. He was the founder and first chair of the American Bar Association Subcommittee on FINRA Corporate Financing Rules and remains a member of that subcommittee.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining Goodwin in 2010, Mr. LaVigne was Special Counsel at Sullivan & Cromwell, where he was a member of the Financial Institutions Group. Mr. LaVigne served as Assistant Attorney General in the New York State Attorney General's Office, where he was Chief of the Real Estate Syndication Section.

PUBLICATIONS

Mr. LaVigne regularly appears in continuing legal education programs, speaking on private offerings under SEC Regulation D and the treatment of finders and other intermediaries as broker-dealers under the federal securities laws. He also writes for a variety of publications on new rulemaking by the SEC and FINRA and other regulatory developments. His publications include:

- “What Banks Must Know About The New Municipal Advisor Rules,” *Law360* (December 2013)
- “Know Your Customer Inquiries and Suitability Determinations Under the Updated FINRA Rules,” *The Review of Securities & Commodities Regulation* (November 2013)
- “Keeping Current: Initial Public Offerings - New FINRA Rule 5131 Will Affect Lock-Up Agreements for IPO Shares Held by Officers and Directors of the Issuer,” *Business Law Today* (July 2011)
- “Strengthening the Nation's Banks,” *New York Law Journal* (January 2011)

CREDENTIALS

EDUCATION

J.D., 1978

Yale Law School

A.B., 1975

Cornell University

ADMISSIONS

BAR

New York

Meredith R. Miller



Professor of Law

Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center

B.A., cum laude, Union College

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Meredith R. Miller joined the Touro Law Center faculty in Fall 2006 after serving for two years as an Honorable Abraham L. Freedman Fellow and Lecturer in Law at Temple University School of Law in Philadelphia. Professor Miller teaches Contracts I, Contracts II, Business Organizations I, Business Organizations II, Employment Law and Workplace Law in Global Context. The students voted her “Professor of the Year” for 2008-2009 and 2012-2013.

Prior to teaching, Professor Miller served as a law clerk to the New York Court of Appeals. She also worked as an associate at Proskauer Rose LLP in New York City, where she litigated complex commercial and pro bono matters and served as a pro bono advisor to first year associates. Professor Miller continues to consult and co-counsel with other attorneys on litigation, arbitration and appeals in corporate, commercial, employment and real estate matters. She also provides transactional representation to emerging and established businesses.

Professor Miller is a past president of LeGaL, the LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York, where she continues to serve on the board. She is Second Vice President of the Network of Bar Leaders, a member of the Richard C. Failla LGBTQ Commission of the New York State Courts, and a member of the Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission for the First Judicial District.

She received her J.D., cum laude, from Brooklyn Law School, where she was an Executive Articles and Research Editor of the Brooklyn Law Review, an Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Fellow and a Richardson Merit Scholar. She earned an LL.M. in Legal Education from Temple University Law School.

Professor Miller’s scholarship focuses on contract doctrine and theory, employment law and business law. From 2005-2014, Professor Miller served as a Contributing Editor to ContractsProf Blog, the Official Blog of the AALS Section on Contracts. Her publications can be accessed on her Science Research Network (SSRN) author page.



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Education

B.A., Psychology, Boston University, 2005

J.D., Touro College, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, 2008

Bar Admissions

New York, 2009

Biography

Matthew represents companies in all stages of development, with a particular focus on founding entrepreneurs, tech startups and emerging growth companies.

Matthew's clients include companies across a variety of industries, including consumer internet and software, e-commerce, consumer products, digital media, advertising and marketing, enterprise software, fintech, and retail. He has advised numerous companies from inception through venture capital fundraising to eight-figure annual revenues or acquisition.

Additionally, Matthew serves as general counsel for a variety of entities assisting in commercial contract negotiation and management. In this role, Matthew aggressively negotiates on behalf of, and counsels his clients as an attorney and a strategic business partner.

Classes and Seminars Taught

- Professor, Business Law at the New School

Published Works

- How Note Financing Can Benefit Your Startup, *Forbes*, October 2018
- Simple Agreement for Future Equity - The SAFE Explained, *Preferred Returns*, American Bar Association, Fall 2018
- Alternative Financing Tools For Early-Stage Companies, *Forbes*, April 2018
- What You Need To Know About Vesting Acceleration, *Forbes*, May 2018
- What's The Difference Between Restricted Stock And Stock Options?, *Forbes*, July 2018
- Whats Hiding in Your Convertible Note, *Preferred Returns*, American Bar Association, Fall 2017
- A Look at the Publication Requirement in New York Limited Liability Company Law, *Touro Law Review*, July 2015

Legal Experience

- LeClairRyan, New York City, New York, 2018 - present
- Moisan Legal P.C., New York City, New York, 2013 - 2018

- Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, East Meadow, New York 2010 - 2013

Memberships and Affiliations

- New York State Bar Association, Chairman of the Business Organizations Law Committee and Business Law Section and Securities Regulation Committee Member
- American Bar Association
- Baby Bathwater Institute
- Young Entrepreneurs Council
- Forbes New York Business Counsel

Distinctions

- New York Metro Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2014 - 2018

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Tram N. Nguyen is a partner in the Investment Management practice of Paul Hastings. Ms. Nguyen represents hedge funds, private equity funds, and other private funds on all aspects of fund formation, fund structuring and capital raising. She has experience representing asset managers in structuring hedge fund-linked notes and customized single-investor funds. Ms. Nguyen also advises financial institutions and investment advisers on U.S. regulatory requirements, including registration and reporting requirements.

Prior to joining Paul Hastings, Ms. Nguyen was a partner at a U.S. firm and was the Branch Chief of the Private Funds Branch at the SEC Division of Investment Management in Washington, D.C. At the SEC, she worked on developing and implementing rules for hedge fund and private equity fund advisers under the Dodd-Frank Act and the JOBS Act.

Accolades and Recognitions

Ms. Nguyen has been nationally recommended by *The Legal 500 United States* (Investment Fund Formation and Management - Alternative/Hedge Funds and Private Equity) and *Who's Who Legal* (Private Funds Formation and Regulatory). She has also been recognized as "Hedge Fund Compliance Attorney of the Year" by *Global Law Experts*.

Speaking Engagements and Publications

Ms. Nguyen is a frequent speaker on hedge fund and private equity fund issues. Select speaking engagements include:

- Moderator, "Shedding Light on the Exam and Enforcement Landscape Under the Trump Administration," Corporate Counsel's 11th Annual Hedge Fund General Counsel and Compliance Officer Summit (October 2017)
- Panelist, "Areas of Enforcement and Compliance: Gifts, Gratuities and Payments to Third Parties," NY State Bar Association (May 2017)
- Panelist, "Hedge Funds and Other Private Funds," Practising Law Institute

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Admissions

District of Columbia Bar
New York Bar

Education

Columbia Law School, J.D.
1998
Harvard University, M.A. 1994
Princeton University, B.A.
1992

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- Panelist, “Top 5 PE Practices Grabbing the SEC’s Attention”, live presentation and webinar, New York, NY, October 19, 2016

Select publications include:

- Co-author, “When Pro Rata Doesn’t Mean Pro Rata: Calculating Management Fee Offsets for Private Equity Funds,” Compliance Corner, October, 2016
- Co-author, “Aligning Employee and Investor Interests under the Volcker Rule,” The Hedge Fund Law Report, June 2, 2014
- Co-author, “U.S. Regulatory Agencies Adopt Final Regulations to Implement the Volcker Rule: Covered Fund Activities and Investments,” Derivatives: Financial Products Report, April 2014, Vol. 15, No.

Professional and Community Involvement

- Member, Subcommittee on Hedge Funds, American Bar Association
- Member, Committee on Private Investment Funds, New York State Bar Association

Education

- Columbia University School of Law, J.D.
- Harvard University, M.A.
- Princeton University, B.A., magna cum laude



George M. Pond

Partner, Barclay Damon

Since beginning his career as a Trial Attorney in the Energy Section of the Justice Department's Antitrust Division, George has focused his practice on the interplay between regulation and competition in energy markets. George now represents a broad array of clients in administrative proceedings before the New York State Department of Public Service (the "New York PSC") and the United States Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"), as well as in commercial matters in the energy industry and proceedings before the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. ("NYISO").

George's practice includes representation of electric and gas utilities, pipeline companies, generators, marketers, as well as Transmission Developers, Inc., which has obtained Article VII siting approval from the New York PSC for a 1,000 MW HVDC transmission line from New York's border with Canada to New York City. He served as lead attorney for federal regulatory affairs at a major New York electric utility during the formation and early years of NYISO and continues to advise clients with respect to NYISO interconnection and governance matters. He has represented a major New York electric utility in the development of individually-negotiated rate agreements with its large industrial and commercial customers and contracts with customers receiving commodity supplies from the New York Power Authority ("NYPA"), as well as in street lighting and electric rate proceedings before the New York PSC.

George assists generators in connection with the New York PSC's Renewable Portfolio Standard ("RPS") program and in complying with the mandatory reliability rules of the North America Electric Reliability Council ("NERC"). He also assists generators, pipeline companies and commercial landowners in obtaining lightened regulation from the New York PSC, as well as approvals for transfers of assets and ownership interests under lightened regulation. In addition, George assists electric power marketers in obtaining market-based rate authority from FERC and in complying with FERC's evolving regulatory requirements for market-based rate authority.

Education

- University of Michigan Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif, 1977
- University of Michigan, B.A., 1974

Admitted To Practice

- New York, 1994
- District of Columbia, 1981

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Matthew V. Spero

Partner, Rivkin Radler LLP

Matthew V. Spero represents debtors, creditors, creditors' committees, lenders, principals, and landlords in business reorganizations, restructurings, acquisitions, and liquidations before the bankruptcy courts in the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, as well as in out-of-court workouts.

A partner in Rivkin Radler's Bankruptcy and Commercial Litigation Practice Groups, Matt represents businesses in the electronics, health, construction, plastics, garment, automotive, and factoring industries. His clients include retailers, manufacturers, distributors, financial institutions, insurance companies, real estate owners and developers, restaurants, physicians and medical practices, non-profits, unions, and health and welfare funds. Matt represents clients in matters as diverse as avoidance actions, breach of fiduciary duty claims, assumption/rejection of executory contracts, and dischargeability of debt.

Matt is a published author, having written for *The Nassau Lawyer*, *Pratt's Journal of Bankruptcy Law*, and *Law 360*, and is a frequent speaker at continuing legal education programs.

He regularly provides *pro bono* representation, including to the indigent in landlord-tenant court, for which he was honored in 2013 by being named an "Access to Justice Champion" by the Nassau County Bar Association. He is the Chair of the Bankruptcy Committees of both the Nassau County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association.

Matt is a former vice president and board member of the Chaminade Alumni Association and the former president of the Chaminade Businessmen's Association. He also is a mentor in St. John's University School of Law's mentoring program and serves as a Vice President of the Leadership Council for Mentor New York (f/k/a Long Island Mentoring Partnership), a non-profit that seeks to match up at-need youth with mentors. He is also a long-time youth sports coach and former member of the Executive Committee of the Plainview Little League Board of Directors.

Matt has been recognized as a New York Super Lawyer in 2014, 2015, and 2016. In March 2014, he was featured as "One to Watch" by Long Island Business News.

Bar Admission

New York

Court Admissions

United States District Courts for the Eastern & Southern Districts of New York

United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

Bar Affiliations

Nassau County Bar Association – Chair – Bankruptcy Law Committee

New York State Bar Association – Business Law Section, Bankruptcy Committee Chair and Executive Committee member

Education

St. John's University School of Law, Juris Doctor, a member of the National Moot Court team

Fairfield University, B.A.