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Matthew Leighton is a Partner in the Firm's Private Funds practice and regularly advises some of the largest and most well-known private fund sponsors, including Blackstone, Lexington Partners, Morgan Stanley and New Mountain. He represents private equity and hedge fund sponsors focusing on a broad range of asset classes, including buyout, real estate, debt, infrastructure and secondary funds.

In addition to advising clients on the formation, structuring and ongoing operation of domestic and offshore funds, Matthew regularly counsels sponsors on governance and other internal sponsor arrangements, "funds-of-one," separately managed accounts, co-investment vehicles, structured secondary transactions, fund-related aspects of mergers and acquisitions, minority stakes transactions and regulatory compliance.

Matthew's representative work includes advising:

- New Mountain Capital in the formation of New Mountain Partners VI, a \$9.6 billion buyout fund, New Mountain Net Lease Partners II, a \$825 million net lease real estate fund, and New Mountain Strategic Equity Fund I, a \$640 million non-control private equity fund
- Blackstone with respect to the Blackstone Tactical Opportunities investment program, with over \$36 billion in AUM, making investments across asset classes, industries and geographies
- Blackstone in the formation of Blackstone Real Estate Debt Strategies IV, raising \$8 billion, the largest-ever real estate credit fund at the time
- Lexington Partners in the formation of Lexington Capital Partners X, raising \$22.7 billion, the largest-ever secondaries fund, and its predecessor Lexington Capital Partners IX, raising \$14 billion

Matthew received a J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Cornell Law School, an M.B.A., with distinction, from Cornell University Johnson Graduate

Practice Focus:

- Corporate
- Private Funds
- Investment Funds
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Asset Management M&A
- Funds Regulatory and Investigations
- Private Equity Lifecycle

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