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Law360 Names Three Proskauer Partners ‘MVPs of the Year’

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Chip Parsons, Brad Ruskin and Mike Suppappola Recognized for Excellence in Their Fields

NEW YORK, November 14, 2025 – Proskauer is proud to announce that partners Charles (“Chip”) Parsons, Bradley (“Brad”) Ruskin and Michael (“Mike”) Suppappola have been named three of *Law360’s* 2025 MVPs in Fund Formation, Sports & Betting and Private Equity, respectively. Each year, *Law360* honors attorneys who had the biggest wins and made the most significant contributions, from high-stakes litigation to record-breaking deals and complex global matters.

Chip is a partner in Proskauer’s market-leading Private Funds Group. With over 20 years of experience, he has advised financial institutions and fund sponsors on a range of matters, including an array of groundbreaking fundraises. Chip has been integral to the development of Proskauer’s credit fund formation platform and serves as the lead funds partner for sponsors on credit funds across various sectors and return profiles. Notably, he advises Ares Management Corporation on a number of its credit fund strategies, including Ares Senior Direct Lending Fund III, which exceeded its initial target of $10.0 billion, closing with total equity commitments of approximately $15.3 billion and a total capital base of $33.6 billion (including equity commitments in related vehicles and anticipated leverage).

Brad is a senior partner in Proskauer’s Litigation Department and co-chair of the Sports Group. With a distinguished career spanning more than 40 years, he has built a legacy in the sports industry through precedent-setting victories and courtroom leadership. Brad has handled a wide range of sports litigation matters nationwide and is renowned for his work in high-stakes, headline-making cases. This year, he and his team secured a unanimous victory on behalf of Major League Soccer (“MLS”) in an antitrust suit brought by the North American Soccer League against MLS and co-defendant, U.S. Soccer Federation. Following a three-week trial, a 10-person jury in the Eastern District of New York delivered a full defense verdict after approximately 90 minutes of deliberation.

Mike serves as co-head of Proskauer's Secondary Transactions and Liquidity Solutions Group. He represents asset managers across the globe in all aspects of their business, with a focus on the structuring and execution of secondary transactions and fund formation. Mike's leadership over the past two decades has positioned Proskauer as a global leader in secondaries, from GP-led continuation funds to multi-billion dollar LP stakes transactions. Over the prior 12 months, Mike advised on over 120 secondary deals with a total reported deal value in excess of $25 billion.

Read more in *Law360*: 2025 MVPs

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The world's leading organizations and global players choose Proskauer to represent them when they need it the most. With 800+ lawyers in key financial centers around the world, we are highly regarded for our expertise combined with our pragmatic and commercial approach. Proskauer is the place to turn when a matter is complex, innovative and game-changing. We work seamlessly across practices, industries and jurisdictions with asset managers, private equity and venture capital firms, Fortune 500 and FTSE companies, major sports leagues, entertainment industry legends and other industry-redefining companies.

Related Professionals

- **Charles (Chip) Parsons**
  Partner
- **Bradley I. Ruskin**
  Partner
- **Michael R. Suppappola**
  Partner