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Blake Gilson is a partner in the Corporate Department and a member of the firm's Structured Credit group. His practice focuses on structured finance transactions involving insurance capital, including rated note feeders, collateralized fund obligations (CFOs), and other vehicles tailored to support investment in private fund strategies.

Blake represents fund sponsors, institutional investors, and arrangers across the structured credit landscape, offering strategic guidance throughout the lifecycle of complex transactions. He is highly skilled in navigating complex, multi-party negotiations and liaising with rating agencies to ensure alignment with both market dynamics and regulatory frameworks.

Matters

Representative Matters

- A private BDC in structuring a first-of-its-kind US$330 million horizontal rated note feeder issuance.

- A sponsor in structuring a US$249 million collateralized fund obligation.
- A private credit asset manager in structuring and issuing $400 million worth of Notes and limited partnership interests from a rated note feeder into a private credit fund
- A private credit asset manager in structuring a first-of-its-kind leverage rated issuer, a rated note-issuing subsidiary of a private fund, specially created to issue $300 million of rated notes to insurance company investors.
- A private asset manager in structuring and issuing $250 million of Notes and equity from a horizontal rated note feeder into a life settlement fund.
- A private credit asset manager in structuring a specialty finance company issuing $500 million of rated notes to international insurance company investors and backed by a portfolio of directly originated assets and interests in multiple funds.
- A private asset manager in structuring a $400 million note issuance and specialty rated note issuer for UK insurance company investors, backed by a portfolio of private credit, real estate and other funds.

Practices

Private Credit, Infrastructure Debt, Fund Finance, Structured Credit, Global Finance

Industries

Private Capital, Financial Services, Technology, Media & Telecommunications

Market Solutions

Corporate Governance

Education

Fordham University School of Law, J.D.

magna cum laude

Columbia University, B.A.

Admissions & Qualifications

New York

Languages

English, Japanese