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Chris Wells has been a leading lawyer in the hedge fund industry for more than 30 years. During that time, he has assisted on hundreds of hedge fund launches, counselling and assisting hedge fund managers as they grew from often very modest beginnings to become some of the world's largest and best known hedge funds.

He advises fund managers and investors on all aspects of the hedge fund business, including fund structuring and formation, seed investments, asset manager M&A transactions, agreements among principals, employment and compensation issues, and regulatory and enforcement matters.

Chris's long and deep experience in the hedge fund industry gives him a unique ability to counsel clients dealing with some of the most challenging situations that fund managers can encounter, including complex fund restructurings, evolving hedge fund investment terms, hybrid and alternative fund structures, liquidity challenges and constraints, internal disputes, and complex enforcement matters.

[Practices](#)

Hedge Funds, Investment Management

[Industries](#)

Asset Management, Private Capital

Market Solutions

Blockchain & Digital Assets

Education

University of Michigan Law School, J.D.

Kalamazoo College, B.A.

Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions & Qualifications

New York

Awards & Recognition

Chambers USA: Nationwide: Investment Funds: Hedge Funds 2008-2025

Chambers Global: USA: Nationwide: Investment Funds: Hedge Funds 2008-2025

The Legal 500 United States: Investment Fund Formation & Management:

Alternative/Hedge Funds 2009-2025

Best Lawyers in America 2003-2025

Law Business Research's Who's Who Legal: Private Funds 2024