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Mike Suppappola is a partner in the Private Funds Group who specializes in representing asset managers across the globe in all aspects of their business and operations, with a particular focus on fund formation and the structuring and execution of secondary transactions. Mike also counsels clients on co-investments, portfolio investments and day-to-day operational and regulatory matters.

He advises a broad spectrum of fund sponsors who pursue a variety of strategies and sectors across North America, Europe and Asia, including buyout, private credit, secondaries, distressed and special situations, growth equity, venture capital, real estate and funds-of-funds. After the fundraising period, Mike continues to serve as a trusted adviser throughout the lifespan of a fund, with a focus on general partner and management company internal governance and day-to-day operational issues.

Mike has particularly extensive experience in representing secondary fund managers in connection with all aspects of their business, including fund formation, secondary transactions (including sponsor-led restructurings, private tender offers, tail-end sales and preferred equity transactions), primary investments and co-investments. He also provides ongoing advice to fund managers and other investment advisers on legal and regulatory compliance with federal and state securities laws, and is widely recognized in the industry for his expertise on the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

An active member of the private funds community, Mike is frequently invited to lecture at industry events on business and regulatory topics. He is recognized as a top practitioner in *Lawdragon Insights: Private Funds*, where clients praise him as “thorough and [with] a good sense for what’s important” and commend his ability to “get to the bottom line very quickly” and be “meaningful in a couple of succinct sentences.” Mike has been published or quoted in numerous industry publications and treatises, including *Private Equity International Modern Fundraiser*, *U.S. Private Equity Fund Compliance Companion*, *Secondaries Investor*, *Private Funds Management*, *PE Manager*, *Compliance Intelligence and Regulatory Register*.

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## Matters

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### A representative list of his clients and recent projects includes:

- **Aberdeen Standard** in the formation and operation of a broad range of fund of fund products, primary investments, secondary investments, and regulatory compliance and operational issues
- **Banner Ridge Partners** in connection with secondary transactions and general fund-related matters
- **DuPont Capital Management** in the formation and operation of fund of fund products and primary investments
- **Glouston Capital Partners** in the formation and operation of secondaries funds, secondary transactions and primary investments
- **Grey Mountain Partners** in the formation of middle-market buyout funds and general operational, regulatory and compliance matters
- **Lexington Partners** in the formation and operation of secondaries funds, secondary transactions, primary investments and general operational, regulatory and compliance matters
- **Northgate Capital** in connection with fund-related matters

- **Siguler Guff** in connection with secondary transactions and general fund-related matters
- **Spectrum Equity Investors** in the formation and operation of growth equity funds providing capital and strategic support to innovative Internet, software and information service companies
- **StepStone Group** in connection with secondary transactions and general fund-related matters
- **Third Rock Ventures** in the formation and operation of funds focused on companies in the life sciences field
- **Värde Partners** in the formation and operation of credit funds focused on global private lending opportunities, as well as operational, regulatory and other global fund-related matters

#### Practices

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Private Funds, Business Development Companies, Investment Management

#### Industries

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Asset Management , Private Equity, Life Sciences

#### Education

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University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D., 2005

With Honors Editor-in-Chief, *Connecticut Public Interest Law Journal*, 2004-2005

University of Massachusetts, B.A., 2002

*summa cum laude*

#### Admissions & Qualifications

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Massachusetts

#### Awards & Recognition

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The Legal 500 United States: Investment Fund Formation and Management: Private Equity Funds 2014, 2017-2019

IFLR1000 2019

Massachusetts Super Lawyers "Rising Stars" 2009-2018

Euromoney Americas Rising Star (Shortlisted – Investment Funds), 2018