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Nigel van Zyl is a partner and co-head of the Private Funds Group at Proskauer.

Nigel specializes in advising asset managers, institutional investors and investment advisors across the full spectrum of investment fund matters.

Praised for his keen business sense and practical approach, Nigel advises leading international fund managers on all aspects of their fund business, including the formation, raising, maintenance and ongoing operation and compliance of their investment funds. He also advises on internal governance, compliance and organization, carried interest and co-investment arrangements, spinouts, re-organizations and restructurings.

Nigel represents institutional investors, including fund of funds, sovereign wealth funds, and global asset managers, with respect to their investments into private equity and other alternative asset funds.

Nigel also advises buyers and sellers of secondary fund interests and the structures used for these transactions, including synthetic secondary and co-investment structures.

Nigel is recognised in both *Chambers* and *Legal 500* and has been recognised as a market leading private equity funds lawyer by *IFLR 1000*.

Matters

Representative Matters

- Hg in all of its private equity fund formations, including its most recent $11 billion+ triple fund raise, simultaneously through fundraising vehicles Saturn 2, Genesis 9 and Mercury 3
- G Square Capital III, a mid-market healthcare fund (€500 million)
- Gilde Buy-Out Partners VI, a mid-market buyout fund making investments in the Benelux and DACH regions (€1.35 billion)
- EMK Capital Partners II, a mid-market buyout fund (€1.5 billion)
- Tenzing Private Equity II, a UK growth fund (£400 million)
- Valedo Partners III, a SEK2 billion Nordic private equity fund
- Priveq Investment VI, a SEK2.5 billion Nordic mid-market buyout fund
- One Peak Growth II SCSp, a €443 million growth equity fund
- Avedon IV, a private equity fund targeting €500 million
- Bencis Buyout Fund VI, a €575 million buyout fund

Practices

Private Funds, Secondary Transactions and Liquidity Solutions, Investment Management

Industries

Private Equity, Private Capital, Asset Management

Market Solutions

Corporate Governance, Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG)

Education

University of Natal, South Africa, Higher Diploma in Tax

University of Natal, South Africa, LL.B.

University of Natal, South Africa, B.Soc.Sci., (law and politics)

Admissions & Qualifications

Admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales

South Africa

Memberships

Law Society of England and Wales, Member

Awards & Recognition

Financial News Most Influential Lawyers 2022-2023

IFLR 1000 United Kingdom: Private Equity Funds: Market Leader 2021-2022

IFLR 1000 United Kingdom: Private Equity Funds: Highly Regarded 2020

Chambers UK: Investment Funds: Private Equity 2010-2022, 2024-2026

Chambers Europe: UK, Investment Funds: Private Equity 2010-2025

The Legal 500 United Kingdom: Investment Funds: Private Funds, Leading Individual 2011-2019, 2023

The Legal 500 United States: Private Equity Funds (Including Venture Capital) 2025

The Legal 500 United Kingdom: Investment Fund Formation and Management: Fund Finance 2024-2025

The Legal 500 United Kingdom: Investment Fund Formation and Management: Private Funds, Hall of Fame 2025-2027

The Legal 500 United Kingdom: Hall of Fame 2020-2025

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific China: Investment Funds: Foreign Firms 2024

Who’s Who Legal Thought Leaders: Private Funds 2018-2019

Best Lawyers in the United Kingdom 2009-2022

Who’s Who Legal 2011-2016

The Lawyer: UK’s Hot 100 Lawyers

London Super Lawyers 2014-2015

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

Best Lawyers: United Kingdom: Private Equity Law, 2025