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Stephen T. Mears is a partner in Proskauer's market-leading Private Funds Group and was co-head of that practice for several years. He concentrates on private investment funds, including venture capital, growth equity and buyout funds. He represents fund sponsors in all aspects of fund formation, operation and management, including fund structuring, portfolio investments, sales and distributions, internal governance and management, regulatory compliance and ongoing maintenance and administration. Stephen also represents institutional investors in connection with their participation in private investment funds

Stephen has recently represented sponsors in raising funds ranging in size from under $100 million to over $2.5 billion. Representative clients include:

- GenCap America
- General Catalyst Partners
- New Enterprise Associates
- Sterling Partners
- Thrive Capital Partners

Practices

Private Funds, Investment Management

Industries

Private Equity, Private Capital, Asset Management

Market Solutions

Corporate Governance

Education

Boston College Law School, J.D.

summa cum laude

Order of the Coif

Boston College, B.S.

summa cum laude

Admissions & Qualifications

Massachusetts

Awards & Recognition

Chambers USA: Nationwide: Venture Capital: Fund Formation, 2026

Chambers USA: Massachusetts: Private Equity: Fund Formation, 2026

Best Lawyers in America: Lawyer of the Year, Corporate Law, Boston 2025

Best Lawyers in America 2013-2027

Chambers Global: USA: Investment Funds: Venture Capital: Fund Formation 2020-2025

Chambers USA: Massachusetts: Private Equity: Fund Formation 2008-2025

Chambers USA: Nationwide: Investment Funds: Venture Capital: Fund Formation 2016-2025

The Legal 500 United States: Investment Fund Formation & Management - Private Equity Funds 2015, 2017-2023

The Legal 500 United States: Private Equity Funds (Including Venture Capital) 2024

Massachusetts Super Lawyers 2010-2018

New England Super Lawyers 2007-2009

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