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- Tax Law

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- Private Funds / Hedge Funds Law
- Tax Law

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- Private Funds / Hedge Funds Law
- Tax Law

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- Tax Law

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- Corporate Law
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- Litigation – Bankruptcy

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- Litigation – Securities

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- Banking and Finance Law
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- Commercial Litigation
- Criminal Defense – White-Collar
- Sports Law

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- Litigation – ERISA
- Litigation – Labor and Employment

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- Litigation – Labor and Employment

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- Employment Law – Management
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- Litigation – Labor and Employment

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- Employment Law – Management
- Labor Law – Management
- Litigation – Labor and Employment

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- Tax Law

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- Criminal Defense – White-Collar

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