



Shaun Barnes

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Shaun Barnes represents domestic and international private equity, growth equity, and venture capital fund sponsors. Focusing on middle-market and lower-middle market firms, Shaun advises fund sponsors on all aspects of the fund formation process, as well as GP-led secondaries, internal sponsor business arrangements and regulatory compliance. He also advises institutional investors in connection with primary fund investments, co-investments, and secondary transactions. Shaun brings a unique breadth of experience to his client work given his prior practice in Hong Kong advising a variety of Asia-based private equity sponsors investing across the region.

Shaun's clients have included New Energy Capital Partners, Chiratae Ventures, Omega Funds, i-Qu & Co., LFM Capital Partners, and Grove Street Advisors.

Focus Areas

Private Equity and M&A
Fund Formation

Representative Engagements

- XPV Water Partners in forming XPV Water Fund III, a \$350 million water-focused private equity fund, and multiple co-invest funds.
- Sverica Capital Partners VI, a \$750 million private equity fund.
- Riverside Partners in a \$532 million, multi-asset GP-led secondary transaction.
- New Energy Capital Infrastructure Credit Fund II, a \$500 million clean energy infrastructure fund.
- LFM Capital Partners II, a \$184 million private equity fund focused on the manufacturing and industrial sector.
- Ecosystem Investment Partners in the formation of their fifth flagship fund.
- Nebrodi Partners in multiple private equity primary investments and co-investments.
- Grove Street Advisors on the formation of multiple separately managed accounts for global institutional investors.
- Cherry Ventures on U.S. fundraising and structuring matters.
- BlueYard Capital on U.S. in the formation of U.S.-domiciled digital assets funds.
- Vidia Equity on U.S. fundraising and structuring matters.

Publications and Presentations

- "Retail investment strategy (RIS): Democratization of investment funds," speaker, YPOG PE Legal Conference, June 2024

Professional & Community Involvement

- Member of the Board of Directors, Greater Boston Legal Services
- Member of the Board of Directors, Project Place
- Member of Choate's Pro Bono Committee

Education & Credentials

- Duke University School of Law, JD (2012) *magna cum laude*
- Boston University, MA (2009)
- Boston University, BA (2005) *summa cum laude*

Admissions

- Massachusetts