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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, including structure, key terms, marketing, and negotiations with investors, as well as advising fund sponsors and institutional investors in connection with primary fund investments and secondary transactions. He also counsels clients regarding the structure and terms of their internal business arrangements, and assists with regulatory and compliance issues, particularly with respect to the Investment Advisers Act. As a result of his time practicing overseas, Shaun brings a unique breadth of experience to his client work.

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

- Sverica Capital Management Fund 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.
- Grove Street Advisors on the formation of multiple separately managed accounts for global institutional investors.
- Cherry Ventures Management GmbH on U.S. fundraising and structuring matters.
- BY Capital Management GmbH 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 Boston Bar Association's International Law Steering Committee and the International Transactions Subcommittee

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