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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Investment Funds & Advisers, Taxation

Overview

Bradford Clements joined the Firm in 2020 as an associate in the Investment Funds & Advisers Department. Bradford's practice focuses on counseling investment advisers (including advisers to hedge funds, venture funds, private equity funds, and separately-management accounts) in all aspects of their businesses. Leveraging his MBA in finance from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Bradford excels in thinking beyond the narrow legal issues to incorporate the practical business context in his advice and analysis.

Prior to joining the Firm, Bradford was a tax associate at two of the largest global law firms (with projects often spanning into the Corporate realm). Bradford advised fintech investors and sponsors, along with institutional investors, in connection with investments in P2P lending, private equity, real estate, and opportunity zone projects. He counseled sovereign wealth funds on optimal structuring of debt, equity, and real-estate investments with JV partners. Additionally, he advised investors on a business plan to incorporate and fund the construction of a long-haul dark-fiber route across a wide swath of the U.S., including whether the project would qualify as a REIT. Lastly, for a fast-growing high-tech company, Bradford conducted the full legal and quantitative analysis of a \$50M share repurchase program, including shareholder-by-shareholder dividend or exchange treatment analysis.

Prior to transitioning to private practice, Bradford was a trial and appellate prosecutor in Dallas, Texas. During Bradford's 5+ years as an assistant district attorney, he led the prosecution of over 50 jury trials and argued on behalf of the State of Texas in five appellate oral argument sessions. His most rewarding stint was when he was a dedicated family-violence prosecutor.

Publications/Speaking

Lead author with Jeff VanderWolk, "OECD's Analysis of Lockdown-Related Tax Treaty Issues Raises Interesting Questions," *Bloomberg Tax*, April 2020

Education

Columbia University
B.A. in Psychology, *summa cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa, 2004

Southern Methodist University
J.D., *cum laude*, 2007

University of Chicago Booth School of Business
M.B.A. in Finance, 2015

Admissions

California

Texas (inactive)

Illinois (inactive)

Languages

English

Spanish