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Christina Hamilton combines a background in securities compliance and trading supervision with more than two decades representing investment advisers in all aspects of their businesses, including structure, ongoing operations and regulatory matters.

[Recent News: Shartsis Friese Recognized in Chambers 2026 Global Guide for Hedge Fund Law](#)

Christina focuses her practice on representing investment advisers, including advisers to hedge funds and other private investment funds, and advisers to separately managed accounts. Before joining the firm, she was a vice president at Banc of America Securities LLC.

Christina regularly advises clients on issues including:

- Structuring domestic and offshore investment funds (including hedge funds, private equity funds, co-investment vehicles and special purpose vehicles)
- Structuring and organizing investment management firms, including preparing and negotiating agreements among owners
- Counseling investment advisers on federal and state regulatory issues, and assisting with regulatory examinations and ongoing

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

[Investment Funds & Advisers](#)

[Hedge Funds](#)

[Private Equity Funds](#)

[Real Estate Funds](#)

[Venture Capital & Growth Equity Funds](#)

EDUCATION

University of California College of the Law, San Francisco; J.D., *magna cum laude*

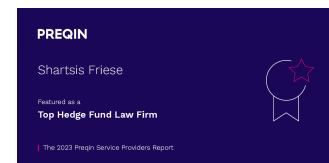
Dartmouth College; B.A., history, *cum laude*

BAR ADMISSIONS

California

ACCOLADES

2026 Legal 500 US City Elite – San Francisco, Finance & Restructuring, Level 3



compliance matters

- Negotiating seed agreements with founding/anchor investors and investor side letters
- Preparing and negotiating investment management agreements for separately managed accounts and sub-advisory agreements
- Advising on marketing arrangements and materials
- Negotiating third party agreements, including fund administration and placement agent agreements
- Preparing and negotiating employment, bonus and separation agreements

Christina also chairs the firm's Charitable Contributions and Pro Bono Committee.

Experience

Christina's extensive experience includes the representation of:

- \$2.5 billion hedge fund manager focused on fixed-income and relative-value strategies
- \$2 billion investment manager with funds and separately managed accounts, investing primarily in equity, convertible and fixed-income securities,
- \$2.8 billion long/short global investment manager with hedge funds and private equity funds, targeting technology, consumer and services sectors
- \$5 billion investment fund manager managing a long/short equity hedge fund with side pockets
- \$800 million technology-focused investment manager with hedge, long only, venture capital and other closed-end funds
- \$750 million investment manager to long/short hedge fund and sub-advisor for long/short and short strategies
- \$1.5 billion investment manager to TMT funds, including hedge, private equity and venture capital funds
- \$1.6 billion investment adviser providing financial planning, investment management and family office services to high-net-worth individuals and families



- \$1.1 billion investment adviser offering portfolio management, financial planning and closed end funds
- \$1.2 billion multi-family office
- Numerous other SEC-registered (over \$150 million AUM), California-licensed and exempt managers (both emerging and other managers) to long/short and long-biased hedge funds and other alternative funds

Activities

- American Bar Association, Private Funds Subcommittee
- Bar Association of San Francisco, Business Law Section
- 100 Women in Finance
- Financial Women's Association