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Nicole, a former member of the firm's management committee, is the leader of our Private Investment Funds and Institutional Investor practice group. Her practice covers all aspects of private capital investment including private investment fund formation, equity co-investments, joint ventures, LP investments, separately managed accounts, funds of one and preferred equity. She also works with investors and investment managers in alternative asset classes, with a particular focus on timberland and agriculture investing. Her work for investment managers includes advising clients in connection with their investment management and advisory agreements and fiduciary duties in this area. Nicole also has broad experience in advising public and private companies in connection with financings, junior capital, mergers, acquisitions, shareholder issues and other corporate matters.

Education

- University of Virginia School of Law (J.D.)
- Virginia Tech (B.S., *magna cum laude*)

Bar & Court Admissions

- Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

Professional Qualifications

- Boston Bar Association

Awards & Honors

- Recommended by *The Legal 500 U.S.* (2017-2019, 2021-2022, 2024)
- *Chambers USA*, Recognized Practitioner in Private Equity: Fund Formation (Massachusetts), 2021-2023, 2025-2026

Community Engagement

- Past President, American College of Investment Counsel

Capabilities

- Agriculture & Timberland
- Corporate
- ERISA Fiduciary
- Finance
- Finance - Junior Capital
- Investment Advisers, Commodity Trading Advisors & Institutional Investors
- Investment Management
- Private Equity
- Private Investment Funds & Institutional Investors
- Real Estate, Alternative & Offshore Investment Funds
- REITs

Matters

- Represented life insurance companies and other institutional investors in structuring and acquiring over \$1 billion of senior notes including transactions involving real property and equipment security in multi-state transactions
- Represented life insurance companies and other mezzanine investors in structuring and acquiring over \$1 billion of subordinated notes and private equity co-investments, including transactions involving second liens
- Represented a publicly traded real estate investment trust in over \$500 million of strategic acquisitions
- Represents institutional investment asset managers in connection with its advisory contracts with multi-national institutional clients
- Represented a club of institutional investors providing \$90 million in equity capital in a going private acquisition of a recycled energy company
- Represented a clean energy investment firm providing mezzanine debt for the acquisition of a fleet of electric vehicles for lease to municipal governments