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Jesse Criz represents institutions, investors, developers and entrepreneurial companies in all aspects of the real estate capital markets area, consisting of a wide variety of complex domestic and international real estate, corporate, and partnership transactions, including public and private securities offerings, formation of private real estate funds and all forms of public and private REIT transactions.

Jesse also concentrates his practice in the areas of federal and international taxation and the laws affecting business entities.

Jesse has extensive experience in the real estate area, including representation of real estate opportunity funds and publicly traded and privately owned real estate investment trusts (REITs). He has represented sponsor and investors in connection with the formation of many private real estate funds in the US, Europe and Asia. He also has structured and closed many REIT transactions, including REIT mergers and acquisitions, formations of private REITs, partnership roll-ups and UPREIT transactions. In addition, Jesse has structured inbound real estate investments by foreign real estate funds and the formation and establishment of domestic and international real estate funds, including certain funds as private REITs.

Jesse also has extensive experience representing REITs and other real estate owners in structuring and closing real estate joint venture transactions, many of which involve real estate development activities.

#### RELATED SERVICES

- Real Estate Finance
- Tax
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Corporate
- Finance
- Transactional Tax Planning

#### RELATED SECTORS

- Real Estate

#### CREDENTIALS

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##### Admissions

- Illinois

##### Recognitions

Jesse has been recognized by *The Legal 500 United States*.

Based on peer reviews, Jesse is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America 2020* in the category of real estate law.

## Education

- J.D., Loyola University Chicago School of Law 1998  
*cum laude*  
Recipient, Hugh L. Dick Memorial Award for Outstanding Performance in Taxation
- B.S., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 1995  
*with honors*
- Certified Public Accountant  
Illinois

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### Coronavirus: Considerations for private equity fund sponsors

25 March 2020

The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic presents significant challenges for private equity fund sponsors. This alert provides a list of fundraising, operational and other issues private equity fund sponsors may consider in light of these challenges.

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- Co-author, "IRS Clarifies REIT Definition of 'Real Property' in New Proposed Regulations," *PREA Quarterly* (Fall 2014)
- Co-author, "Strategies for Attracting Foreign Capital to US Real Estate," *PREA Quarterly* (Spring Issue 2014)
- Co-author, "Voting Interests and Control Under Code. Sec. 892," *Journal of Taxation of Financial Products* (April 2014)
- Co-author, "Tax and Structuring Issues for REITs Investing in Infrastructure," *TheCorporateCounsel.net* (August 2009)
- Co-author, "Taxation and Structuring Issues for REITs Investing in Non-US Assets," *Journal of International Taxation* (January 2009)