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Catherine Pogorzelski advises fund managers and investors on the structuring and formation of and investment into alternative investment funds, particularly within the private equity, real estate and debt funds sectors.

#### LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English French

Catherine's practice also includes assisting clients in connection with general regulatory matters, general corporate law, mergers and acquisitions and in particular transactional work relating to investment funds and investment management related financial services.

She also assists on all legal aspects impacting alternative investment fund managers, funds management entities and their service providers, including fund and investment management operator structuring, regulatory compliance and ongoing activities.

#### LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- French

#### EXPERIENCE

- Advising one of the largest insurance companies in the world on the structuring, setting up and launching of a cross-border real estate fund of funds platform focusing on the Asian market and organized as a special limited partnership (SLP) qualifying as reserved alternative investment fund (RAIF).
- Advising a leading US asset manager on the structuring, implementing and launching of a Luxembourg multi-compartment and multi-strategy alternative investment fund platform, organized as a special limited partnership (SLP) qualifying as reserved alternative investment fund (RAIF), aiming to serve as European distribution platform with each compartment investing in parallel with US investment funds.
- Advising the first ever Luxembourg-based European Venture Capital Funds Manager under the EuVECA label, on the structuring, regulatory application, launching and fund raising of a venture capital fund organised as a special limited partnership whose investment strategy is to invest in the fastest growing digital-native companies, predominately in Europe, who have the most likelihood of becoming a next-generation industry category champions.
- Advising a leading US private equity manager with assets under management of more than USD31 billion on the structuring

and establishment of a Luxembourg alternative investment fund set up for a pension fund of a large Swiss city.

- Advising the largest international tyre manufacturer on the legal aspects of its strategic investments in various close-ended ventures capital funds.
- Advising Kleos Space, which focuses on the development of geolocation intelligence data service by using in-Space technologies, to move from a startup to an emerging corporate, to be the first ever Luxembourg issuer whose instruments are admitted to listing and trading on the Australian Stock Exchange.
- Advising a multinational power management company, on a global and multi-jurisdictional intra-group restructuring program. Several contributions of foreign companies have been made to the equity of the Luxembourg companies, whose aggregate value exceeded USD1 billion.

## CREDENTIALS

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### Professional Qualifications

- Avocat à la Cour registered with the Barreau de Luxembourg

### Prior Experience

- 2014 to date: Partner, DLA Piper, Luxembourg
- 2011 to 2014: Senior Associate, Top-tier law firm, Luxembourg
- 2010 to 2011: Senior Associate, Leading Benelux law firm, New-York
- 2005 to 2010: Associate, Leading Benelux law firm, Luxembourg

### Recognitions

- Catherine was rated in IFLR 1000 as “rising star” (2019, 2020).
- Catherine was recognized in Chambers (2019) for bringing “flexibility and creativity to work” and providing “good solutions for complex issues.”

### Education

- Luxembourg Bar School (cours complémentaires), University of Luxembourg, 2005
- Université de Nancy (France), Master's Degree in Business Law, 2004

### Memberships

- Founding member and member of the board of directors of Dress For Success Luxembourg
- Catherine is an active member of the Association of the Luxembourg Fund Industry (ALFI) and of the Luxembourg Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (LPEA)

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

Catherine has written and co-authored publications on:

- EuVECA and EuSEF amended: another opportunity to succeed?, 14 Sep 2017
- Reserved Alternative Investment Funds, 15 Jul 2016
- Luxembourg's company law reform, 14 Jul 2016

- The Luxembourg special limited partnership, 23 Sep 2015
- Luxembourg welcomes its first European Venture Capital Fund (EuVECA) manager and EuVECA fund, 22 Sep 2015
- Partnerships under Luxembourg law (“Les commandites en droit luxembourgeois,” Larcier, 2013)

## Events

### Upcoming

#### **IPEM 2020**

28-30 January 2020  
Paris

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### Previous

#### **IPEM 2019**

22-24 JAN 2019  
Paris

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Catherine is a regular speaker and lecturer on fund structuring and formation, private equity and AIFMD related topics (House of Trainings and Kluwer).

## NEWS

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### **DLA Piper boosts Investment Funds practice with new hire in Luxembourg**

4 December 2019  
DLA Piper today announces the appointment of Caroline Pimpaud as counsel in its Investment Funds practice, based in Luxembourg.

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### **DLA Piper advises MiddleGame Ventures on the set up and launch of new fintech fund**

25 November 2019  
DLA Piper has advised fintech venture capital firm MiddleGame Ventures (MGV) on the structuring, setting up and launching of the MGV Fund I. The new fund will invest in early stage fintech startups developing new business models powered by advanced technologies.

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### **DLA Piper strengthens Finance offering in Luxembourg with new hire**

2 September 2019  
DLA Piper today announces the appointment of Constantin Iscru as counsel in its Finance and Projects (F&P) practice, based in Luxembourg.

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## **DLA Piper launches Intellectual Property and Technology practice in Luxembourg**

3 APR 2018

DLA Piper Luxembourg is pleased to announce the launch of its Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT) practice, with the appointment of Olivier Reisch as partner and head of the practice.

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