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Jesse Criz heads DLA Piper's Investment Management and Real Estate Capital Markets practice. He also co-manages the firm's Chicago office. For more than 20 years, Jesse has guided clients through their most critical transactions and advised them on strategic decisions in all aspects of their businesses, creating true partnerships with his clients.

Throughout his career, Jesse has practiced in the areas of taxation, corporate and vehicle formation. Today, he focuses on advising investment management firms in all aspects of their businesses, primarily regarding the structuring and formation of private investment vehicles and all of their investment activities, both in the United States and globally.

Jesse is formally trained as a tax attorney and has extensive experience representing real estate investment trusts (REITs). He regularly advises firms on structuring all types of funds, co-investments and separate accounts. In addition, he has experience in M&A transactions in the investment management sector. He has led numerous highly complicated domestic and international real estate, corporate, and partnership transactions, including going private transactions, public and private REIT formations and securities offerings, REIT mergers and acquisitions, partnership rollups and UPREIT transactions.

Jesse has also structured and advised global investment management firms on cross-border real estate investments and the formation of foreign real estate funds, most recently in Europe and Canada.

- Corporate
  - Finance
  - Global Investment Funds
  - Investment Management and Funds
  - Mergers and Acquisitions
  - Real Estate Finance
  - Real Estate Funds and Private Equity
  - Real Estate Investment Trusts
  - Tax
  - Transactional Tax Planning
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- Real Estate

## Admissions

- Illinois

## Recognitions

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

- *The Legal 500 United States*  
2021 - Recommended, Private Equity Funds (including Venture Capital)  
The Legal 500 comments, "... Jesse Criz leads the investment management practice."  
2017, 2019-20 - Recommended, REITs  
2016-17 - Recommended, Real Estate

## 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

- Co-author, "IRS Partially Revokes Previously Issued Private Letter Ruling on Percentage Rent," *LexisNexis Practical Guidance* (March 2022)
- 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)

## NEWS

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### DLA Piper launches global, dedicated end-to-end Investment Management and Funds practice

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DLA Piper today announces the launch of a global, dedicated end-to-end Investment Management and Funds practice offering to support the entire investment management and investment funds value chain.

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