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Nathaniel Marris is a Partner in the Chicago office of DLA Piper and Co-Head of the Firm's Investment Funds Practice.

His practice is focused on the structuring and formation of private funds and their management companies, with a particular focus on real estate, infrastructure and energy firms. He also represents such firms in a variety of corporate transactions, including roll-ups, joint ventures, co-investments, the formation of portfolio and other operating companies, and investment management M&A transactions.

- Formation of numerous US and international private funds
- Representation of US and international investors in their investments in private funds
- Formation of management companies and general partner vehicles for investment fund sponsors
- Formation of portfolio and other operating companies
- Negotiation of co-investment, joint venture and club arrangements
- Representation of investment fund sponsors in investment management M&A transactions of various types, including the acquisition of minority and majority stakes in other investment managers

- Global Investment Funds
- Real Estate Funds and Private Equity
- Real Estate
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Infrastructure, Construction and Transport

## Admissions

- Illinois

## Recognitions

- Recognized by *Chambers USA 2021* as a leading lawyer for private equity fund formation. Clients tell Chambers that "He is a very thoughtful, intelligent, talented and responsive attorney. He has a wealth of experience, which is invaluable."
- Regularly recognized and recommended by *The Legal 500* as a leading lawyer for investment funds. Clients tell *The Legal 500* that "Nathaniel Marrs is a top notch investment fund lawyer. He is particularly good on the real estate fund side. He also has expertise in the asset manager M&A space. Nat is extremely responsive and is very focused on helping the client achieve their objectives. He is creative and solution-oriented. He is a pleasure to work with and adds value in all projects."
- Selected as a Leading Lawyer in Illinois for Real Estate Law: Commercial and Real Estate Law: Finance by Leading Lawyers Network

## Education

- M.B.A., The University of Chicago Booth School of Business 2004  
*Dean's List Multiple Quarters*
- J.D., University of Michigan 1996
- B.A., University of Michigan 1993  
*summa cum laude,*  
*Phi Beta Kappa,*  
*Five-time Angell Scholar*

## Memberships

Advisory Board Member of The University of Chicago Booth School of Business Real Estate Alumni Group and a member of PREA

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### **Launching a Real Estate Fund: Key Strategies, Structures and Terms (Part One) and Important Tax, Regulatory and Securities Law Considerations (Part Two)**

29 May 2020

Key features of real estate funds and considerations for fund managers considering pursuing the strategy anew.

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#### **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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- Authored a variety of articles for different publications addressing real estate-related topics, including PREA, the *Real Estate Finance Journal* and *Financial Times*

## Events

- Speaker, "Tax implications of private equity waterfall and carried interest provisions," *DLA Piper*, 4 December 2019
- Speaker, Joint Ventures: Waterfall Structures, Carried Interest, IRR Lookback, Clawback and Catchup, 14 November 2019
- Active speaker on investment fund topics, including at The University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Northwestern Law

School and Northwestern Kellogg School of Management