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James O'Donnell is a funds lawyer advising investors in, and sponsors of, private, international and closed ended funds.

He has extensive experience of fund related transactions, including primary, secondary, secondary direct and co-investment deals, the establishment and operation of funds and carried interest vehicles, management spin-outs, managed accounts and joint ventures.

His experience includes advising banks, development finance institutions, funds of funds, fund sponsors, insurance companies, pension plans, sovereign wealth funds and other market participants.

- Corporate
- Real Estate
- Global Investment Funds

James has advised in respect of numerous fund-related transactions for some of the most active and sophisticated market participants in the world, with individual investment sizes ranging from US\$10 million to over US\$1 billion.

His transactional experience includes primary and secondary transactions, as well as managed accounts, stapled secondaries, secondary directs and "GP for hire" arrangements.

James has a particular passion for representing development finance institutions and, in this regard, regularly represents members of the DFI community (both individually and as syndicates) in respect of their investment activities.

James has advised in respect of some of the largest fund-related transactions of their type, including one of Europe's biggest non-syndicated secondary deals (transferring over US\$1 billion of commitments in over 40 different funds, managed by 17 leading asset managers).

He has also acted on the establishment of a number of large (US\$250 million to US\$800 million) separate account arrangements with some of the most renowned fund management firms in the world.

James has acted for a full range of sponsors of closed ended investment funds, from leading, established sponsors with fund commitments in excess of US\$1 billion, to start-up funds with commitments of US\$10 million.

His clients on both the investor and sponsor side have included organisations based all over the world, from established markets such as North America and Europe, through to the Middle East and emerging markets including Africa and India.

## CREDENTIALS

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### Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

### Prior Experience

James trained at a "magic circle" law firm before practicing in the London office of a leading New York based private equity funds practice. He joined DLA Piper as a partner in 2013.

### Education

- University of Durham, BA Hons History

### Memberships

- Emerging Markets Private Equity Association ("EMPEA")
- African Private Equity and Venture Capital Association ("AVCA")

## 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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