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Michael E. Schapiro focuses his practice on counseling investment companies – including mutual funds, closed-end funds and exchange-traded funds – independent directors, private funds, and investment advisers in connection with various regulatory, compliance and transactional matters. His experience includes the representation of:

- **Registered Investment Companies:** Michael advises clients on the federal securities laws pertaining to the formation, registration and ongoing compliance of open-end mutual funds, including multi-manager funds and sub-advised funds. He drafts and reviews critical documents, such as registration statements, proxy statements, exemptive applications, information statements, shareholder reports and state law filings, and responds to related SEC inquiries. Michael also prepares plans of reorganization and registration statements on Form N-14 in connection with fund mergers and acquisitions involving both affiliated and nonaffiliated funds.
- **Independent Directors:** Michael advises boards of directors on issues arising under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, as well as various corporate governance issues.
- **Investment Advisers:** Michael participates in counseling investment advisers with respect to their obligations under federal and state securities laws.

Prior to joining Stradley Ronon, Michael was an associate at another Washington, D.C. law firm where he concentrated his practice on counseling broker-dealers and investment advisers regarding regulatory and compliance issues before the SEC and FINRA. Michael also briefly served as a staff attorney for the Hon. John M. Conroy of the U.S. District Court for the District of Vermont. Before law school, Michael served as staff assistant and press assistant for U.S. Rep. Peter Welch, D-Vt.

RESULTS

- assisted in the representation of a leading independent global investment management firm in connection with the client's acquisition of more than 120 funds from a multinational financial services corporation, including certain matters related to the rationalization of the client's product lineup thereafter

FOCUS

Investment Management
Registered Investment Companies
Independent Trustee Counsel
Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs)
ESG
Private Investment Funds
Alternative Funds
Investment Advisers

BAR ADMISSIONS

Virginia
District of Columbia

EDUCATION

J.D., *cum laude*, Marshall–Wythe School of Law at the College of William & Mary
B.A., *summa cum laude*, American University

MEMBERSHIPS

Virginia Bar Association
American Bar Association



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- assisted in the representation of several leading global investment firms, including matters related specifically to registration statement review and compliance, the drafting of complex strategy and risk disclosure, and the launch of novel investment products including alternative strategy and ESG-focused funds
- represented a registered investment adviser in connection with preparation of investment management agreements
- acts as counsel to a number of 3(c)(1) and 3(c)(7) funds pursuing a variety of strategies, including infrastructure and high yield municipal debt

