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Business & Finance

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Mergers & Acquisitions

Private Equity

Securities

Skyler Shields focuses his practice in the areas of investment management, private equity, business and finance, securities, and mergers and acquisitions.

While attending Wake Forest University School of Law, Skyler worked with the firm as a summer associate in 2020. He served as a judicial intern to the Honorable Loretta C. Biggs in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina and as a legal intern with the office of the Federal Public Defender in Charleston, South Carolina. Skyler was Notes and Comments Editor of the *Wake Forest Law Review* and a Real Estate Drafting, Legal Writing and Research, and Professional Development teaching assistant.

Skyler was recognized as one of the "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" in 2025 for Financial Services Regulation Law and again in 2026 and 2027 for Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Corporate Law, Financial Services Regulation Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, Securities Regulation, and Venture Capital Law by *The Best Lawyers in America*®.

Education

University of Alabama B.S., Finance (2018) *summa cum laude, with honors and distinction*

Wake Forest University School of Law J.D. (2021) *cum laude*

Admissions

North Carolina (2021)

Professional & Community Activities

YMCA Camp Cheerio, Summer Staff Climbing Director (2018)

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