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Jeffrey Skinner is a member of the firm's Executive Committee and leads the Investment Management Team at Kilpatrick, where he focuses his practice on investments, investment funds, and investment advisers. Jeffrey has extensive experience assisting clients with making investments, obtaining investors, and navigating the complex securities and other laws surrounding investing. He regularly counsels clients about their business goals, needs, and legal challenges. Jeffrey assists clients with navigating regulatory issues and requirements, entering into joint arrangements with commercial and investment partners, and closing business investments. He uses his experience to work with entrepreneurs, established and growing companies, and individual and institutional investors to help them succeed with their investments, businesses, and related ventures.

Public and Private Investments Practice. Jeffrey has been lead counsel in numerous public offerings, private equity and venture investments, and private debt financings. He assists individual and institutional clients with placing assets in funds and companies; corporations, LLCs and other entities with raising funds and arranging bank or privately-sourced financing; and private funds with negotiating and finalizing investments in businesses, real estate, and other funds. Jeffrey represents both startups and established businesses of different sizes with their financing and investment needs. He regularly provides advice regarding public and private offering prospectuses, both from the company side – where he assists in the drafting and preparation of documentation and governing documents; and from the investor perspective – where he assists individuals and institutions in evaluating and negotiating terms of investment in funds and corporate opportunities, including entry into side letters and side agreements that complement the core terms of the investment. He also works with clients seeking to expand their businesses and business relationships through joint ventures, licensing, and other contractual arrangements that involve multiple parties partnering and working together.

Investment Funds Practice. Jeffrey's investment funds practice covers a wide variety of types of investments and investing, including private and public funds. In the private fund area, he regularly organizes and represents hedge funds, venture funds, private equity funds, real estate funds, collective investment trusts, and other investment vehicles. His clients include both domestic and foreign funds, including master-feeder and complex multi-fund structures designed to facilitate investments by different types of investors in a tax-efficient and cost-effective manner. In the public fund area, he regularly forms and represents mutual funds, closed-end funds,

exchange traded funds, and other publicly-registered vehicles. Jeffrey works with these public funds' management teams and boards of directors and trustees on SEC registration, corporate governance matters, disclosure documents, compliance requirements, SEC filings, regulatory examinations, state regulations, and other investment company and management issues.

Investment Adviser Practice. He represents numerous investment advisory firms registered at the state and federal level. His clients range from new advisers just starting their businesses with money contributed by family and friends, to multi-billion dollar managers with multiple offices across the country. His clients include money managers from New York to California, with a wide variety of investment focuses and management styles. Jeffrey counsels these clients on investment product design and implementation, performance advertising and marketing requirements, brokerage and trading issues, anti-fraud and conflict of interest regulations, and other legal matters under applicable state and federal law. He works with his investment management clients to find straightforward and efficient solutions designed to advance their business goals while meeting all applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Jeffrey was recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in 2021 and 2022 for Securities/Capital Markets Law, in 2023, 2024 and 2025 for Financial Services Regulation Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, and Securities Regulation, and again in 2026 and 2027 for Corporate Law, Financial Services Regulation Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, and Securities Regulation.

Experience

Represents multi-billion and multi-million dollar registered investment advisers and investment companies in private and public offering matters.

Serves as counsel to family office investment management companies providing wealth management services and private fund investments.

Represents numerous real estate developers in real estate investment funds and co-investment projects.

Represents multi-billion dollar mutual fund families in fund adoptions and reorganizations.

Represents multi-billion dollar pension plans and institutional investors in private fund and other investments.

Represents \$500 million private equity firm in venture, side-car, and co-investment funds.

Represents multi-billion dollar money managers in investment adviser and broker-dealer compliance matters.

Represents "asset aggregator" registered investment advisers in RIA acquisition programs.

Represents unique private investment funds, including private REITs, private factoring-based funds, and public benefit funds focused on non-profit and low-profit community investment.

Represents crypto-focused investment managers and investment funds.

Represented financial institution and investment adviser in alleged improper trading activity by a portfolio manager.

Represented multi-billion dollar mutual fund family for a *Fortune* 500 financial institution in action alleging inappropriate investments in securities lending arrangement with mutual fund's custodian and lending agent.

Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law J.D. (1996)

Duke University A.B. (1993) Public Policy Studies and History, *cum laude*

Admissions

North Carolina (2000)

Georgia (1996)

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