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PARTNER

With an approach focused on developing strong relationships, Amy is a longstanding adviser to leading investors on their fund investment activities and fund sponsors with respect to formation matters across the private funds and alternative asset class.

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Overview

Amy is co-head of Torys' Private Equity Funds practice. As a long-time adviser to many leading global institutional investors and fund sponsors, Amy has extensive experience relating to U.S. and international private funds and other alternative asset transactions. She has a loyal following of institutional investor clients whom she provides ongoing strategic advice on their investments in a variety of sectors (including buyout, venture capital, credit, natural resource/ESG, distressed debt, mezzanine, hybrid, mortgage debt, and real estate private investment funds, as well as hedge funds and funds of funds), including through investment management agreements as well as separate account and platform structures.

Capitalizing on her experience with current market terms based on her extensive representation of investors, Amy also represents fund sponsors on a broad range of issues relating to the forming of their private investment funds, including the structuring of their funds and best practices. During the course of multiple economic cycles, Amy has advised companies on their reorganizations and other general corporate matters.

Amy is a member of the firm's Executive Committee.

Featured Work

Amy regularly represents the following investors: Alberta Investment Management Corporation, British Columbia Investment Management Corporation, Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, CPP Investments, Hirtle Callaghan, Hydro-Québec Pension Fund, New Zealand Superannuation Fund, Ontario Municipal Employees' Retirement System, Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board, Ontario Public Service Employees Union Pension Trust, Public Sector Pension Investment Board, and other pension fund and sovereign wealth fund clients. She also regularly acts with respect to formation matters as counsel for TorQuest Partners, Peloton Capital Management, and Fengate Capital, and has assisted in the formation of co-investment vehicles and continuation vehicles.

In the past five years, the Torys' Private Equity Funds practice has assisted clients with over 1190 fund investments, representing aggregate capital commitments in excess of \$81.5 billion.

Amy has recently advised clients with respect to investments in the following funds (amongst others):

In 2023: ACRE Credit Portfolio II, AlpInvest Secondaries Fund VIII, Ares Corporate Opportunities Fund VII, Calera Capital Image Holdings, Century Focused Fund V, DigitalBridge Credit II, Folium Capital Fund, Farallon Special Situations Master VII, F&S Hotel Fund I, The Founders Fund IX, Genstar Capital Partners XI, GPI Capital Proximity Fund, Hellman & Friedman Capital Partners XI (Parallel), Hudson Bay Special Opportunities Master Fund, KDX Venture Fund I, LuminArx Alternative Solutions Opportunistic Fund, MBK Partners Fund VI, New Mountain Partners VII, OEP Neptune Fund I, Parthenon Investors VII, Sands Capital Life Sciences Pulse Fund III, ScaleUp Venture Fund I, Sequoia Capital US/E Seed Fund V, SkyKnight Capital Fund IV, Sona Credit Fund Limited, Star Mountain Strategic Credit Income Fund IV, Upper90 Fund III, US Alpha Advantage Master Fund, Van Berkom IMA, Vision One Fund

In 2022: 17 Capital Credit Fund, AH Bio Fund IV, Almanac Realty Securities IX, Ancala Fund III, Andreessen Horowitz VIII, Andreessen Horowitz LSV Fund III, Antares Senior Loan Fund II, Atlantic Park Strategic Capital Master Fund II, Baring Asia Private Equity Fund VIII, Blackstone Dislocation Fund, Blackstone Green Private Credit Fund III, Blackstone IMA, BREP Asia III, Brevan Howard Alpha Strategies Master Fund, Brookfield Global Transition Fund, Brookfield Infrastructure Fund V, BTF II, Caddo Sustainable Timberlands, Carlyle Revolving Loan Fund, Centerbridge Special Credit Partners IV, Clocktower Technologies III, Coatue Institutional Fund I, Constellation Generation IV, Daylight Fund A, EagleTree Partners VI, EQT X, Facultas Fund 3, Fifth Wall Climate Technology Funds, Forerunner Partners VI and Forerunner Builders VI, Fortress Lending Fund III, Founders Fund Growth II, The Founders Fund VIII, Georgian Growth Fund VI and Alignment Fund II, Goldman Sachs Multi-Asset, Harvest Partners Ascend, Hillhouse Real Asset Opportunities Fund, Hines Asia Property Partners Fund, JC Climate Assets Fund I, KKR Asia Pacific Infrastructure Investors II, KKR Capital Partners, KKR Global Infrastructure Investors IV, Lee Equity Partners Fund IV, Lone Star Fund XII, Lone Star Real Estate Fund VII, Lone Star Value-Add Fund II, Motive Capital Fund II, Nipun Emerging Markets Alpha Strategy Fund, Oberland Capital Healthcare III, Orlando Capital V Institutional GmbH & Co. KG, PAG Asia IV, PIMCO IMA, Polar 2022, The Reforestation Fund I, The Rise Fund III, Sandbrook Climate infrastructure Fund I, Sequoia Capital US and China Growth and Venture Funds, Sequoia Capital India Funds, Sequoia Crypto, Ecosystem and Expansion Funds, The Sequoia Fund, Slate North American Essential Real Estate Income Fund, StepStone IMA, StepStone Infrastructure Co-Investment Partners 2022, TA Debt Fund V, Thoma Bravo Credit Fund III, Thoma Bravo Fund XV, Thoma Bravo Oasis Fund, TPG Asia VIII, TPG GP Solutions Fund, TPG Healthcare Partners II, TPG Partners IX, Veritas Capital Fund VIII, Waterfall Eden Master Fund, Water Street Healthcare Partners V, Wellington Climate Innovation Fund I, Whitehorse Liquidity Partners V

In 2021: 3G Special Situations Fund V, ACRE Credit Fund IV, Almanac Realty Securities Fund IX, Atlantic Park Strategic Capital Fund, Barings Asia Private Equity Fund VIII, Barings IMA, BlackRock Global Credit Opportunities Fund II, Boyu Capital Fund V, Brookfield Global Transition Fund, Brookfield Strategic Real Estate Partners IV, CBRE Asia Value Partners VI, CCMP Capital Investors IV, Charlesbank Equity Fund X, Cloud Capital Fund, Crestline Oliver Fund I, Crosspoint Capital Fund I, Digital Colony Partners II, Dragoneer Opportunities Fund VI, ECP Terra-Gen Growth Fund, Falfurrias Capital Partners V, FountainVest Capital Partners Fund IV, Further Global Capital Partners II, Genstar Capital Partners X, GHO Capital III, Glendower Capital SOF V, Golden Gate Capital Opportunities Fund, Hilco Trading, Hillhouse Fund V, Hillhouse Real Assets Opportunities Fund, Hines Asia Property Partners, ICONIQ Strategic Partners VI, KKR Global Infrastructure Investors IV, KKR Health Care Strategic Growth Fund II, KKR North America Fund XIII, KKR Strategic Partnership, L Catterton IX, Linden Capital Partners V, MBK Partners Special Situations II, PAG Growth II, PAG Loan Fund V, PIMCO IMA. Sequoia Capital US_E Seed Fund IV, Skyknight Capital Fund III, Strategic Partners IX, TPG Growth V, TPG Growth V, TPG Rise Climate Fund, UBS Global Emerging Markets Opportunity Fund, Unison Midgard Fund, Vibrant SENTE Fund, Vista Credit Partners Fund III, Warburg Pincus Asia Real Estate Fund

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Professional Involvement

Amy was involved in the preparation of a Model Limited Partnership Agreement with Commentary as a member of an ad hoc committee of leading institutional investors on behalf of the Institutional Limited Partners Association (the "ILPA"). She is also a regular presenter at ILPA conferences.

Education and Bar Admissions

Education

JD (cum laude), 2000 Seton Hall Law School

MBA (Honors), 2000 Seton Hall University

BS (summa cum laude), 1997 Seton Hall University

Bar Admissions

New Jersey, 2001 New York, 2001