

Winston & Strawn's private equity attorneys provide strategic advice and legal counsel to middle-market private equity funds, hedge funds, family offices, real estate funds, alternative asset managers, portfolio companies, and institutional investors. We have one of the broadest and most active national middle-market private equity practices in the U.S.

Our team delivers value throughout each phase of the investment life cycle—from deal sourcing, platform transactions, acquisition financing and tax structuring, to add-on acquisitions, portfolio company management and liquidity transactions.

Our team regularly advises financial sponsors on the following types of transactions:

- Leveraged buyouts / platform acquisitions
- Take-private transactions
- Growth equity and minority recapitalizations
- Add-on acquisitions for portfolio companies
- Distressed acquisitions, including 363 transactions
- Portfolio company matters
- Liquidity events / exits, including initial public offerings

Our private equity team is complemented by our finance practice, which is consistently recognized as an industry leader in terms of number and volume of deals closed. We have extensive experience representing financial sponsors and their portfolio companies in financing transactions, including secured facilities for acquisitions and ongoing working capital needs.

## Key Contacts

# Areas of Focus

## Portfolio Company Representation

Winston & Strawn serves as outside general counsel to a wide range of portfolio companies and their management teams. We understand the strategic and operational needs of these companies and have developed a wide range of service delivery models that enable our clients to better manage their legal costs.

Representation of portfolio companies requires experienced counsel who understand the business of our clients and who will be there to answer questions that arise every day. Our lawyers have the commercial judgment, real-world experience, and sophistication to guide the management teams and boards of portfolio companies through a variety of legal and business challenges, including corporate finance, intellectual property matters, employee benefits, and other human resource and workforce-related issues.

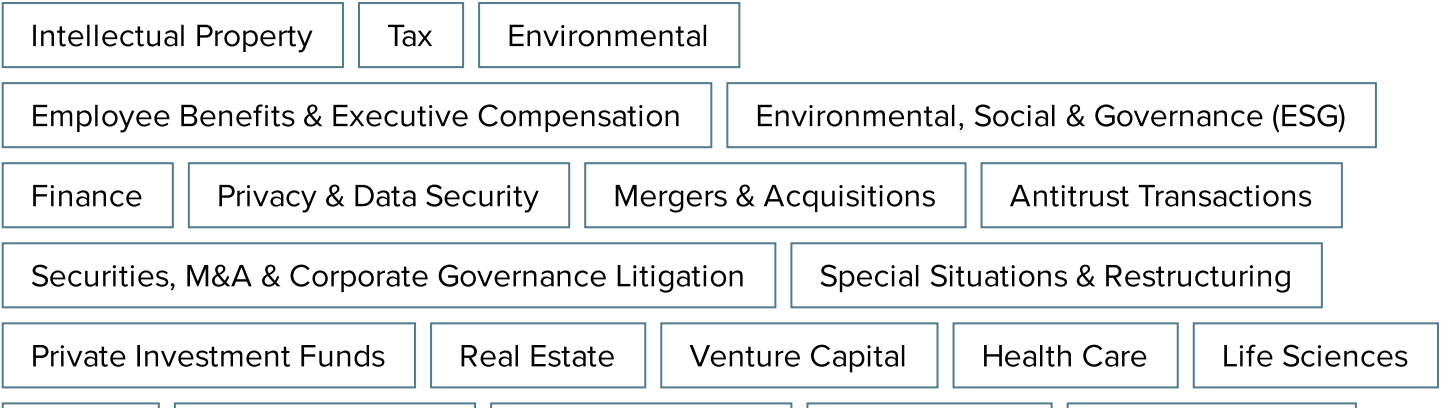
## Emerging Companies and Early-Stage Financing

Winston & Strawn is regularly engaged as outside general counsel for emerging companies, with respect to the full range of corporate services required by companies that rapidly expand their products, services, footprint, intellectual property and human capital resources, and the capital needs of these businesses.

Our venture capital practice focuses on meeting our clients’ particular needs, through strategic use of market practices and market standard approaches. Our company-side practice draws on our high-volume work for sophisticated, household-name strategic and financial investors, and a deep understanding of the needs and objectives of these investors.

We regularly represent venture capital firms, corporate venture funds, other strategic investors, family offices, angel investors, high-net-worth individuals in connection with their equity, and debt investments in emerging growth companies. We have extensive experience with all stages of venture capital financing, including seed-stage, early-stage, and growth-stage financing, with transaction sizes ranging from \$500,000 to \$1 billion or more. We take a considered, efficient and thorough approach to representation of high-growth companies in their venture financing strategy and transactions.

## Related Capabilities



Energy

Energy Transition

Food & Beverage

Infrastructure

Medical Devices

Professional Services

Retail & Luxury

Latin America & Caribbean

## Recent Experience

Cuadrilla Capital Acquires Gluware, Inc.

Winston advises Atlantic Sustainable Catch in its acquisition of Atlantic Capes Fisheries

Precision Aviation Group in its Acquisitions of ICON Aerospace and TAG Aero

Winston Represented Lincoln Property Company in its Strategic Investment in Centennial

Winston Represented Shore Capital Partners in its Sale of Behavioral Innovations

Winston Represented Highstreet IT Solutions in its Sale to CIVC Partners

Represented Hudson Hill Capital in its Acquisition of MarketTime

Frontenac Acquisition of Integrated Openings Solutions

ISG Enterprises Acquisition of Rose

ISG Enterprises Acquisition of Apple

## Related Insights & News

### RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Recognized as Best Law Firm Florida: Corporate by *Leaders League*

JUNE 25, 2025

### CLIENT ALERT

Oregon Enacts SB 951, Restricting PE-Backed MSOs in Physician Practice Transactions

JUNE 12, 2025

### RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *The Legal 500 U.S. 2025*

JUNE 12, 2025

### SEMINAR/CLE

Winston & Strawn Hosts 2025 Tax Department Retreat

JUNE 11-13, 2025

#### **SPONSORSHIP**

### **Winston Sponsors The Corporate Dealmakers Forum 2025**

JUNE 4, 2025

#### **SPONSORSHIP**

### **Winston & Strawn Sponsors and Speaks at the Private Equity New York Forum**

MAY 14, 2025

#### **RECOGNITIONS**

### **Winston Attorneys Named to *D Magazine's* 2025 Best Lawyers in Dallas List**

MAY 6, 2025

#### **BLOG**

### **Future FCA Enforcement Expectations in Light of New Administration Priorities and 2024 Recoveries**

MAY 1, 2025

#### **IN THE MEDIA**

### **Keerthika Subramanian Discusses Corporate Carve-outs with *Mergermarket***

APRIL 30, 2025

#### **CLIENT ALERT**

### **The Path to PISCES - Key Milestones for the UK's First Private Securities Trading System**

APRIL 29, 2025

#### **SPONSORSHIP**

### **Winston & Strawn Sponsors the Centri Capital Conference 2025**

APRIL 22, 2025

#### **RECOGNITIONS**

### **Winston & Strawn Noted by *Latin Lawyer* as One of the Most Popular International Law Firms in 2024 in Latin America**

APRIL 10, 2025