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## Law360's 2023 Private Equity Editorial Advisory Board

*Law360 (August 7, 2023, 7:36 PM EDT)* -- Law360 is pleased to announce the formation of its 2023 Private Equity Editorial Advisory Board.

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The members of Law360's 2023 Private Equity Editorial Advisory Board are:

### **Al Browne - Cooley LLP**

Al Browne is a partner in Cooley's private equity practice. With nearly 30 years of experience, Al advises private equity funds, their portfolio companies, and strategic buyers and sellers in public and private acquisitions, including leveraged buyouts and take-private transactions. Al received his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law.

### **Marcia Ellis - Morrison Foerster LLP**

Marcia Ellis is global co-chair of Morrison Foerster's private equity practice and a trusted legal adviser to clients around the world in complex private equity transactions. A U.S.- and Hong Kong-qualified lawyer, Marcia has orchestrated Asia-based PE and M&A transactions totaling over US\$237 billion in the last three years.

### **Crystal Frierson - Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP**

Crystal Frierson regularly advises some of the largest and most prominent fund sponsors on the formation, structuring and management of private investment funds across a range of asset classes, as well as on co-investments and separately managed accounts. She also counsels clients regarding private investments in alternative asset managers.

### **Jennifer R. Graff - Cravath Swaine & Moore LLP**

Jennifer R. Graff is a partner in Cravath's corporate department, and a member of the investment management and funds practice and private equity practice. She counsels fund managers on a range of complex matters for fund offerings, including private equity, credit and hedge funds, and investors in their fund investments.

### **Grace Jamgochian - Sidley Austin LLP**

Grace Jamgochian is an M&A/private equity partner at Sidley representing U.S. and multinational corporates and private equity firms in a variety of transactions across all industries, including tech, media and telecom (TMT), life sciences, health care, infrastructure, financial services and retail. Broad experience includes buyouts, take-privates, private M&A and strategic investments.

**Jonathan Kim - Dechert LLP**

Jonathan Kim represents strategic buyers and sellers and financial sponsors in mergers, acquisitions and divestitures. His experience includes both domestic and cross-border transactions spanning various industry sectors including technology, health care, consumer services, financial services and business services.

**Sarah McLean - Shearman & Sterling LLP**

Sarah McLean is a partner in Shearman & Sterling's private equity and mergers & acquisitions practices and heads the private equity group. She has over 20 years of experience representing private equity funds and management teams on portfolio company investments, acquisitions and divestitures of assets and companies, and joint ventures.

**Christina Edling Melendi - Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP**

As co-leader of the private equity practice and former co-leader of the retail industry team, Christina Edling Melendi's corporate and securities practice focuses on representing U.S. and global public and private corporations and private equity sponsors and portfolio companies in mergers and acquisitions, investments, divestitures, asset purchases, minority investments and joint ventures.

**Gregory R. Metz - McDermott Will & Emery LLP**

Gregory R. Metz is a Chambers recognized practitioner who regularly works with private equity clients on mergers and acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, debt and equity restructurings, and divestitures. He has structured, negotiated and closed many transactions within a variety of industries. Greg is co-head of the firm's private equity group.

**Brian Richards - Paul Hastings LLP**

Brian Richards is chair of the firm's global private equity practice and is a partner in the private equity and M&A practices at Paul Hastings. Brian has 30 years of experience leading complex domestic and international transactions, including leveraged buyouts, mergers and acquisitions, and growth equity investments.

**Kevin Shmelzer - Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP**

As deputy practice area leader of the firm's global private equity practice, Kevin Shmelzer advises private equity funds and their portfolio companies on structuring and negotiating complex business deals. Kevin represents clients in the energy, technology, banking, life sciences, retail, utilities, health care, manufacturing, fintech, digital health and sports industries.

**Kimberly Smith - Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP**

Kimberly Smith, global chair of Katten's corporate department, has extensive experience representing private equity funds, family offices and independent sponsors in leveraged buyouts and other strategic acquisitions, sale transactions, joint ventures and other investments across multiple industries. She formerly served as co-chair of Katten's mergers & acquisitions/private equity practice.