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Amie Benedetto is a partner in the Real Estate Finance & Investment Group. Amie offers counsel on a variety of investment management and securities law matters, with an emphasis on private real estate investment vehicles, separate accounts, and REITs. She advises major financial institutions, fund sponsors, investment advisers, and institutional investors on commercial, transactional, and regulatory compliance matters relating to the formation, offering, and management of private funds, separate accounts, and co-investments. She is a seasoned adviser on real estate transactions in the U.S. and abroad, focusing on acquisitions, minority/majority entity-level investing, financing, and joint ventures.

Before joining the firm, Amie served as in-house counsel to Proprium Capital Partners, a privately held real estate principal investing firm, where she was responsible for all in-house legal aspects of fund formation, management, investor relations, real estate transactions, and regulatory compliance. She also served as a vice president and executive director at Morgan Stanley Real Estate Investing, where she was general counsel to the Real Estate Special Situations Funds and counsel to the MSREF fund series. Amie began her legal career at an international law firm representing investment banks and private equity funds in the acquisition, development, leasing, and sale of various real estate assets. She graduated summa cum laude from Boston College Law School and received a Bachelor of Music Education from Florida State University.

Representative Experience

- Forming and offering various real estate private equity funds, REITs, separate accounts, and co-investment vehicles focused on traditional core, value-add, and opportunistic real estate investments, special situations, mezzanine loans, senior debt, and land opportunities.
- Negotiating and drafting investment management agreements, marketing materials, private placement memoranda, limited partnership agreements, subscription documentation, placement agent agreements, and side letters related to various real estate investment vehicles, including private equity funds, hedge funds, co-investment funds, and separate accounts.
- Reporting and compliance pursuant to the 1940 Investment Advisers Act, including ADV filings, advertising rules, principal transactions, conflict management, expense allocation, best execution, and custody arrangements.
- Representing institutional and privately managed real estate private equity funds in the acquisition, financing, restructuring, and sale of real-estate-related investments, including real estate development, operating and management companies, and direct real estate investing in office, multifamily, retail, hospitality, and industrial.
- Reporting and compliance pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, Bank Holding Company Act, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, FINRA, and various anti-money laundering rules and regulations.

- Designing and implementing a compliance program for a newly formed SEC registered investment adviser, including development of a compliance manual, code of ethics, and other SEC best practice policies and procedures.
- Preparing for SEC investment adviser onsite examinations.
- Authored and presented trainings to registered investment adviser supervised persons relating to legal and regulatory compliance and best practices.

Professional & Community Engagement

- State Bar of Georgia
- American Bar Association
- 100 Women in Finance
- Pension Real Estate Association
- Southeastern Hedge Fund Association

Education

- Boston College (J.D., 2003)
- Florida State University (B.M.E., 1997)

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia
- New York

Related Services

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