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Related Services

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Branson Lee advises real estate funds and credit funds, REITs, managers, and developers on matters related to fund formation, securities offerings, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, debt financings, corporate governance, and compliance. Branson also advises fund sponsors, investors, and developers on structuring qualified opportunity funds and investments in qualified opportunity zones.

Representative Experience

- Counsel to various developers and managers in the negotiation of programmatic and one-off joint ventures for the development of build-to-rent communities of single-family homes.
- Counsel to various developers and managers in the negotiation of programmatic joint ventures for the acquisition, rehabilitation, stabilization, and sale of scattered single-family rental assets.
- Counsel to various developers, investors, and managers in the negotiation of joint ventures for multifamily, resort, mixed-use, and retail developments.
- Fund formation counsel to various real estate investment fund managers, including registered investment advisors, for both institutional and retail funds.
- Counsel to an international fund manager in syndication of equity interest in Japanese real estate assets in a club deal with a sovereign wealth fund and an international insurance company.
- Counsel to various registered investment advisors in the negotiation of separately managed accounts.
- Counsel to various fund sponsors in formation of parallel funds using Cayman Islands vehicles and domestic and foreign leveraged blockers.
- Counsel to various real estate managers and developers in sales of controlling and non-controlling stakes in management, development, and construction companies.
- Counsel to investors in various solar power facility development projects and joint ventures.
- Counsel to various fund sponsors and managers in roll-up and reorganization transactions involving real estate and real-estate-related assets.
- Counsel to borrowers in construction loans to finance development of various real estate assets, including build-to-rent assets and scattered single-family residential assets.
- Counsel to sponsors in formation and offering of UPREITs.

- Counsel to a public, non-listed REIT in the launch of a 1031 DST syndication program.
- Counsel to various investment funds and a bank in the formation of captive REITs to hold real estate assets and mortgage-backed securities.
- Counsel to various sponsors of commingled qualified opportunity funds, with targeted investments including real estate development projects, renewable energy development projects and startups, and operating companies.
- Counsel to investors in various commingled and captive qualified opportunity funds.
- Counsel to investors in the negotiation of multiple unincorporated joint venture arrangements.

Education

- New York University (LL.M.)
- The University of North Carolina (J.D.)
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (B.S.)

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia
- New York