

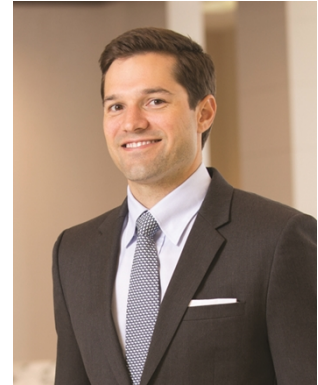
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Branson Lee advises real estate investment funds, REITs, and other alternative investment vehicles on securities and tax matters related to fund formation, structuring, securities offerings, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate governance. He also represents asset managers and real estate developers in a broad array of matters, including debt financings, management contract negotiations, and various compliance matters. Branson has counseled fund sponsors and developers on structuring qualified opportunity funds and investments in qualified opportunity zones.

Branson is recognized in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® “Ones to Watch” in the Securities/Capital Markets category.

Representative Experience

- Counsel to one of the country’s largest service providers for institutionally owned, single-family residential assets.
- Counsel to various real estate developers and investors in joint ventures for single-family, build-to-rent, multifamily, resort, and retail developments.
- Fund formation counsel to various registered investment advisors and real estate investment funds, offered to both institutional and retail investors.
- Counsel to various registered investment advisors in the negotiation of managed accounts.
- Counsel to investors in solar power development projects, including one located in a qualified opportunity zone.
- 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 single-family, build-to-rent communities.
- 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., 2013)
- The University of North Carolina (J.D., 2012)
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (B.S., 2009)

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia
- New York

Related Services

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