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Emily is a corporate fund partner in our Boston office.

Emily specializes in the formation, organization and operation of venture capital and other private equity funds and their general partner and management company entities. Emily counsels funds in all stages of their fundraising and organization, including in preparing offering materials, negotiating with investors regarding fund formation matters, and drafting partnership, limited liability company and other governance agreements. After fundraising, Emily counsels fund managers on all aspects of day-to-day operations. Emily represents a number of leading venture capital firms and routinely advises first-time fund managers. Emily has also spent a portion of her career representing institutional investors, or their advisors, with respect to their investments across the private equity asset class.

Prior to joining the firm, Emily was a fund formation associate in the Boston office of Proskauer Rose LLP. Emily holds a J.D. from Suffolk University Law School, where she served as a member of the Suffolk University Law Review and graduated *summa*

cum laude. Emily received a B.A. from Boston College, spending a semester studying abroad in Seville, Spain. Emily is an active member of both the Massachusetts and New Hampshire Bar Associations.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Suffolk University Law School, J.D.
summa cum laude
- Boston College, B.A., History

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Massachusetts
- New Hampshire

Focus Areas

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