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Cory Hippler focuses his practice on counseling registered investment companies, investment advisers and independent directors on a wide range of regulatory, compliance and transactional matters. Cory's practice includes advising clients with respect to the organization, registration, and ongoing operations and compliance of open-end and closed-end funds (including multi-manager funds, master-feeder funds and interval funds); the preparation and review of regulatory filings, board materials and compliance policies and procedures; fiduciary oversight and fund governance issues; shareholder meetings and proxy solicitation materials; and various transactional matters, including reorganizations, mergers and acquisitions involving funds and investment advisers.

RESULTS

- assisted in the representation of several leading global investment firms, including matters related specifically to the organization and registration of investment products, registration statement review and compliance, and the drafting of complex strategy and risk disclosure
- assisted in the representation of a leading independent global investment management firm in connection with the client's acquisition of more than 120 funds from a multinational financial services corporation, including reorganizations related to the rationalization of the product lineup
- assisted with the reorganization of an open-end fund into a newly created fund on a different platform for purposes of lowering fund expenses and expanding distribution capabilities
- prepared materials for shareholder meetings and related proxy solicitations, including multiple complex-wide shareholder meetings involving large fund complexes, and multiple fund reorganizations
- assisted mutual funds and their independent directors in responding to regulatory issues raised by the SEC staff during examinations and investigations
- advised an investment management firm in connection with the sale of its retail mutual fund business to two separate buyers, including the reorganizations of 18 funds into newly created or existing funds in the acquiring firms' fund complexes

FOCUS

Investment Management
Registered Investment Companies
Investment Advisers
Independent Trustee Counsel
Investment Management Mergers & Acquisitions

BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania
New Jersey

COURTS

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

J.D., Rutgers University School of Law - Camden
B.S., University of Richmond

MEMBERSHIPS

Pennsylvania Bar Association



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- assisted in the representation of the independent trustees of investment company clients with unique multi-manager and master-feeder structures
- assisted in the representation of the independent directors of closed-end funds in connection with the identification and consideration of investment adviser replacement candidates, the negotiation and coordination of disengagement with existing adviser, and the transfer of responsibilities to the successor adviser

RECOGNITION

- *The Legal 500 U.S.*, recommended for mutual/registered funds