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PRACTICE AREAS

- Investment fund formation and operation
- Asset management
- General corporate

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

With over ten years of experience in funds formation and asset management-related practice areas, Ms. Zhou focuses her practice on the formation and operations of various types of funds, including the structuring and formation of venture capital funds, private equity funds, M&A funds, film and entertainment funds, sports funds, infrastructure funds, real estate funds, logistics funds, and other investment funds. She has helped design different fund structures, including master-feeder funds, alternative investment vehicles, parallel funds, co-investment funds and other multi-level structure arrangements, together with various organizational forms such as corporate funds, partnership funds, and contractual funds. Ms. Zhou is also experienced in representing LPs of various types (including insurance companies, government funds, and funds of funds) in the course of their fund investments.

Ms. Zhou has represented a number of private equity institutions, including reputable private equity fund managers and sponsors in the market such as CDH, CPE, IDG and CMC, state-owned funds such as China Structural Reform Fund, SDIC National Guidance Fund, and private equity funds sponsored by securities companies such as CICC, CITIC and Huatai. Ms. Zhou has also represented subsidiaries of banks in participating in the earliest market-based debt-to-equity fund projects in China. In insurance-related investment areas, Ms. Zhou has represented insurance asset management companies in the set-up of insurance private equity managers and funds and has also represented insurance funds and issued legal opinions with respect to indirect equity investment. Ms. Zhou has also represented clients in cross-border fund transactions and formation projects, including through QFLP, QDII, foreign venture capital programs, and overseas M&A funds. In addition, Ms. Zhou is also well-versed in private fund investments, corporate financing, general corporate matters, and in the design of incentive programs for fund sponsors and management teams.

Ms. Zhou has a deep understanding of the laws, regulations, and regulatory policies relating to the asset management industry (including the funds, securities, insurance and trust industries, etc.) and has been actively involved as a lawyer representative in communications and policy discussions regarding laws, regulations, and implementing measures in the asset management industry with regulatory authorities such as the CSRC and the Asset Management Association of China.

EDUCATION

Ms. Zhou graduated from Peking University with an LL.B. degree and a bachelor's degree in economics, and from the University of California, Los Angeles with an LL.M. degree.

QUALIFICATIONS

Member of the PRC Bar

Member of the New York State Bar

HONORS AND AWARDS

Top 15 Rising Lawyers (ALB, 2023)

Next Generation Partner in Investment funds (Legal 500 Asia Pacific, 2020-2023)

Recommended Lawyer in Investment funds (Legal 500 Asia Pacific, 2019)

Notable practitioner in Investment funds (IFLR1000, 2022-2023)

Named by the Beijing Lawyers Association to its 2021 list of foreign-related legal case experts

WORKING LANGUAGES

Chinese, English



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业务领域

- 投资基金设立和运营
- 资产管理
- 一般公司事务

工作经历

周林律师在基金设立及资产管理相关的业务领域有十五年以上经验，主要从事基金设立及运营方面的法律业务，涵盖 VC 基金、PE 基金、并购基金、影视娱乐基金、体育基金、基础设施基金、不动产基金以及其他类型的投资基金的架构设计与搭建；涉及的架构类型包括母子基金、联接基金、平行基金、跟投基金以及其他多层结构安排；涉及的基金组织形式包括公司制基金、合伙制基金以及契约型基金；涉及的投资类型包括股权类基金（包括 S 基金）、证券类基金以及其他类基金。周律师亦代表各类有限合伙人（如保险机构、国家级引导基金、大型母基金、跨国公司）就投资基金提供法律服务。

周林律师代表的私募机构包括知名私募基金管理人以及各类金融机构体系内的私募基金管理人；周律师亦代表银行体系的子公司参与中国最早的市场化债转股基金项目；在保险投资相关领域，周律师代表保险资产管理公司发起设立了险资 89 号文项下的保险私募机构，也代表保险资金就险资 79 号文项下进行间接股权投资并出具法律意见书。周律师亦代表客户参与 QFLP、QDII、外资创投、海外并购基金等跨境基金交易。此外，周律师在私募基金项目投资、公司融资、公司日常业务、基金公司绩效激励制度设计方面也有丰富的经验。

周律师对大资管行业（包括基金、证券、保险、信托等）相关的法律法规、监管政策有深入的研究，多次作为律师代表参加中国证监会、中国证券投资基金业协会等监管部门关于资产管理法律规定和实施细则的交流与讨论。

教育背景

周林律师本科毕业于北京大学，获得法学学士和经济学学士学位；研究生毕业于美国加州大学洛杉矶分校，获得法学硕士学位。

执业资格

中华人民共和国律师执业资格
美国纽约州律师执业资格

荣誉与奖项

年度领先投资基金律师（Chambers Greater China Region, 2024）
钱伯斯上榜基金律师（2024）

投资基金知名律师（Asialaw Profiles, 2023）
投资基金知名律师（IFLR1000, 2022-2023）
2023 ALB China Top 15 Rising Lawyers（亚洲法律杂志, 2023）
投资基金新生代合伙人（亚太法律服务五百强, 2020-2024）
投资基金推荐律师（亚太法律服务五百强, 2019）
2021 年入选北京市律师协会涉外律师人才库

社会任职

北京市律师协会专业委员会保险法律专业委员会委员
中国保险资产管理业协会第三届不动产投资专业委员会委员
中国证券投资基金业协会监督员
北京基金小镇基金行业纠纷人民调解委员会调解员

工作语言

中文、英文