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Gary Hammersmith represents insurance companies, investment funds and other institutional investors in a variety of domestic and international private equity, mezzanine, acquisition, private placement and other financings. He has represented funds and institutional investors in over sixty domestic and cross-border private equity and mezzanine portfolio investments. He also represents institutional investors in making limited partnership investments in private equity, mezzanine and other private investment funds, has advised funds in connection with fund formation and capital raising issues and has represented portfolio companies in connection with investments by venture capital, private equity and mezzanine investors.

Gary also advises investors in connection with public and private resales of securities and in public and private restructurings and workouts. Although he has experience in a wide variety of corporate finance matters – including bond financings, merger & acquisition transactions (representing buyers and sellers), leveraged leases, tax-motivated financings, public securities offerings, and general corporate matters – he devotes the bulk of his practice to mezzanine and private equity finance.

Gary is a 1981 graduate of the College of William and Mary, received his J.D. degree from the University of Virginia in 1985 and is admitted to practice in New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts. He has been a Fellow of the American College of Investment Counsel since 1994. He has been a panelist and moderator for a number of ACIC programs, and he lectures and has published articles on a variety of topics relevant to mezzanine and private equity investing, such as registration rights and other exit rights, governance and control issues, intercreditor issues, antidilution protections and legal issues in private equity investing.

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Shawn T. Wooden is a Partner at Day Pitney LLP and a member of the firm's Private Equity and Investment Funds practice group. His practice is focused on investment and securities law with an emphasis on alternative investments, formation and regulation of private investment funds, and investment advisory compliance. He has extensive experience representing institutional investors in connection with making new investments and restructuring existing investments in private equity funds, mezzanine funds, venture capital funds, real estate investment funds, hedge funds and other alternative asset classes. Additionally, his practice includes debt and equity financings, strategic joint ventures, and mergers and acquisitions. Mr. Wooden has also served as special advisor for corporate transactions in the AFL-CIO's Office of Investment in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Wooden has been named one of the "Twenty-Five Investment Professionals to Watch," by Pensions and Investments Magazine and one of Hartford County's "Forty Under 40" business leaders by Hartford Business Journal. He has been featured by the Connecticut Law Tribune in its "Minorities & the Law 'High Achievers'" issue and presented with its "Community Contributions Award."

Mr. Wooden received a Juris Doctorate from New York University School of Law, where he was selected as Articles Editor for the Annual Survey of American Law. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut where he majored in History. In 2006, Trinity College presented Mr. Wooden with its prestigious "Alumni Medal of Excellence."

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