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Ben Smith is a Partner in the Private Funds Practice at Simpson Thacher, based in the Firm's New York office. He advises private fund sponsors in connection with the organization, structuring and operation of a broad range of closed-end and open-end private investment funds across multiple asset classes, including traditional and long-dated "core" buyout, infrastructure, real estate, credit, energy and life sciences funds.

In addition to commingled "blind pool" fund formation, Ben advises clients on a wide variety of bespoke fund-related matters, such as separately managed accounts and other customized arrangements for large investors, joint ventures in individual transactions and

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investment platforms, co-investments (including a depth of experience on standing co-investment arrangements), GP-led secondary transactions and other liquidity transactions, and internal sponsor governance and economic arrangements. He also advises clients on compliance with the Investment Advisers Act and other regulatory compliance matters.

Ben's experience includes representing Blackstone, KKR, Centerbridge, Morgan Stanley, Tiger Infrastructure, Alinda, BC Partners, Macquarie, Stonepeak, EIG Capital, Onex and J.C. Flowers & Co., among others.