Fund Formation & Legal Structuring: A Comprehensive Course

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Why This Course

The private investment fund landscape has grown increasingly sophisticated, with evolving regulations, complex structuring options, and heightened investor expectations. Successfully launching and managing a fund requires more than legal knowledge — it demands strategic structuring, regulatory awareness, and a deep understanding of investor dynamics.

This intensive 2-week Fund Formation and Legal Structuring program provides a comprehensive and practical roadmap for establishing private investment funds. Participants will gain the legal, structural, and operational expertise required to navigate fund formation from concept to launch while ensuring compliance, efficiency, and long-term sustainability.

What You'll Learn and Practice

By joining this program, you will:

- Understand the regulatory and legal framework governing private investment funds.
- Structure private equity, venture capital, and hedge funds effectively.
- Draft and analyze key legal documents with confidence.
- Address complex tax and cross-border structuring considerations.
- Strengthen governance frameworks and investor relationship strategies.
- Navigate capital raising regulations and institutional investor requirements.

The Program Flow

Day 1: Introduction to Private Investment Funds

- Overview of private equity, venture capital, and hedge fund models.
- Regulatory frameworks governing private funds.
- Key stakeholders within the fund ecosystem.
- Comparative analysis of fund structures and jurisdictions.

Day 2: Fund Formation Process

- Step-by-step process of launching a private fund.
- Selecting the appropriate legal entity and jurisdiction.
- Regulatory filings, approvals, and registration requirements.
- Managing timelines, budgets, and service providers.



Day 3: Fund Structuring Techniques

- Limited partnerships and alternative legal structures.
- Onshore versus offshore structuring considerations.
- Master-feeder and parallel fund arrangements.
- Tax-efficient structuring strategies and cross-border implications.

Day 4: Key Legal Documents I

- Drafting and analyzing Private Placement Memorandums PPMs.
- Limited Partnership Agreements LPAs.
- Subscription agreements and investor commitments.
- Negotiating and managing side letters.

Day 5: Key Legal Documents II

- Investment management and advisory agreements.
- Service provider contracts.
- Confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements.
- Risk allocation and liability considerations.

Day 6: Capital Raising and Investor Relations

- Marketing regulations and fundraising restrictions.
- Institutional investor due diligence processes.
- Negotiation strategies with sophisticated investors.
- Ongoing reporting and disclosure obligations.

Day 7: Fund Terms and Economics

- Structuring management fees and carried interest.
- Waterfall models, clawback provisions, and profit distribution.
- Expense allocations and fee offsets.
- Valuation methodologies and performance reporting standards.

Day 8: Regulatory Compliance

- Investment adviser regulatory requirements.
- Anti-money laundering AML obligations.
- FATCA and CRS reporting considerations.
- ESG integration and impact investing frameworks.



Day 9: Fund Governance and Operations

- Roles and responsibilities of the general partner and investment manager.
- Advisory boards and governance committees.
- Managing conflicts of interest.
- Operational due diligence and internal controls.

Day 10: Advanced Topics and Emerging Trends

- Co-investment structures and syndication models.
- Secondary transactions and GP-led restructurings.
- Fund finance solutions, including subscription credit facilities.
- Emerging trends shaping fund structures and investor expectations.

Individual Impact

- Gain the confidence to structure and launch private investment funds.
- Strengthen drafting and negotiation skills for complex fund documentation.
- Enhance regulatory awareness and compliance expertise.
- Develop practical strategies for managing sophisticated investor relationships.

Work Impact

- Improve fund structuring efficiency and legal robustness.
- Reduce regulatory and operational risk exposure.
- Strengthen governance standards and investor trust.
- Position your organization competitively within the private fund market.

Training Methodology

This program integrates technical expertise with practical application to ensure real-world relevance:

- Case studies covering fund formation across jurisdictions.
- Document drafting workshops and negotiation simulations.
- Regulatory scenario analysis and compliance planning exercises.
- Interactive discussions on governance, investor relations, and market trends.

Beyond the Course

Participants will leave prepared to:

- Structure and launch private investment funds from inception to closing.
- Draft, negotiate, and review core legal documents with precision.
- Ensure regulatory compliance across jurisdictions.



• Manage fund governance and investor relations with professionalism and strategic insight.

