

Elise W. Michael

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Elise Michael advises hedge and private equity sponsors and investors on a broad range of transactional, fund formation, regulatory and corporate matters. Elise is dedicated to delivering tailored, solution-driven counsel to her sell-side and buy-side clients, ensuring efficient and timely service.

Delivering strategic, market-informed solutions for asset managers and investors

Elise's practice focuses on the formation and ongoing representation of hedge funds, private equity funds, private credit funds, commodity pools and managed account platforms. Her clients pursue a diverse array of strategies, including quantitative trading, private credit and litigation finance, among others. She also advises on insurance-dedicated funds, private placement life insurance (PPLI) and related structures.

Institutional investors turn to Elise for counsel on allocating capital to hedge funds, private equity funds and other ventures. Her clients include sovereign wealth funds, insurance companies, pension plans, family offices, endowments and high-net-worth individuals. She provides guidance on global regulatory considerations that arise in connection with investments in funds and managed accounts.

Additionally, Elise counsels investment management clients on a variety of ongoing regulatory matters, including reporting, disclosure and registration requirements, as well as corporate, employment and intellectual property issues. Clients appreciate her comprehensive approach to navigating issues regarding regulatory compliance and her assistance with filing and registration processes.

Before joining Katten, Elise worked at a prominent global financial services firm, where she supported the company's advisory and alternatives businesses, fund formation and regulatory matters.

During law school, Elise was recognized as a corporate scholar at the Samuel & Ronnie Heyman Center on Corporate Governance and served as the managing editor of the Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal. She also gained valuable experience as an intern with the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC).

Practices

- Financial Markets and Funds
- Investment Management and Trading

Education

- JD, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, *cum laude*
- BA, Wellesley College, *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- New York

Professional & Community Involvement

- Cardozo Financial Services & Compliance Alumni Group, Co-Founder and Chair
- New York Wellesley Club, President; Board Member
- Southeastern CT Robotics, Inc., Board Member

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News

- Katten Announces New Partner Class of 2025 (August 26, 2025)

Publications

- Key LP Investment Trends in 2026: How LP Expectations Are Changing (October 14, 2026)
- ILPA Continuation Fund Disclosure Template: The New Framework and the Coller Capital Mock Transaction (June 18, 2026)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 31 (April 2026)
- UK-Based AIFM Regulatory Hosting SEC Compliance Requirements for Serving US Clients (March 16, 2026)
- Retail Capital in Private Markets: Key ILPA Takeaways (January 14, 2025)
- ILPA Updates Capital Call & Distribution Template: Implications for GPs and LPs (November 26, 2025)
- Key LP Investments Trends in 2025 and Beyond: Navigating Fee Transparency, Liquidity Solutions and Governance (September 24, 2025)
- School of Hard Knocks — The Impact of the NFL Concussion Litigation (2015)
- *Corporate & Financial Weekly Digest* (Weekly) | *Author*

Presentations and Events

- 14th Annual Tax-Efficient Investing Forum (September 9, 2026)
- 13th Annual Tax-Efficient Investing Forum (September 9, 2025)
- 12th Annual Tax-Efficient Investing Forum (September 12, 2024) | *Panelist*