



Vlad M. Bulkin

Partner

Regulated Funds

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Vlad Bulkin understands the unique needs of business development companies (BDCs), registered closed-end funds (CEFs) and private investment funds. From fund formation to capital raising activities, he brings industry-leading experience to clients at any stage. He has extensive transactional experience, including public and private securities offerings and strategic transactions.

Capital markets experience backed by strong regulatory knowledge

Vlad taps into his deep regulatory and transactional knowledge to advise a broad range of clients, including BDCs, CEFs, private investment funds and other financial services firms. Vlad is well positioned to counsel managers of BDCs, CEFs and private investment funds on establishment and operational matters, as well as regulatory and compliance with the Investment Company Act of 1940 and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. He regularly works with alternative investment managers on developing various capital structures.

Vlad frequently works with issuers and underwriters on a broad range of public and private offerings of equity and debt securities. His experience includes initial public offerings (IPOs), Rule 144A offerings, shelf offerings, at-the-market offerings (ATMs), registered direct offerings, high-yield bond offerings, convertible debt offerings and rights offerings.

Public companies rely on Vlad to help navigate corporate governance and compliance matters. He regularly advises on Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) reporting obligations and other securities laws, including Section 16 compliance, Rule 10b5-1 plans, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, Rule 144 and the listing requirements of the NYSE and NASDAQ.

Practices

- Capital Markets
- Corporate
- Corporate Governance
- Financial Markets and Funds
- Investment Management and Trading
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Regulated Funds

Industries

- Finance and Financial Markets

Education

- LLM, Georgetown University Law Center, *with distinction*
- JD, University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law, *cum laude*
- BBA, The City University of New York at Baruch College, *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- New York
- Florida

Community Involvements

- American Bar Association, Business Law Section
- District of Columbia Bar Association, Corporation, Finance and Securities Law Community

Representative Experience

Represented issuers and placement agents in more than 100 public and private securities offerings and strategic transactions, including:

- BDCs and private credit funds managed by SLR Capital Partners in connection with multiple initial public offerings, at-the-market offering, follow-on equity and debt offerings, private offerings and a public merger.
- Placement agents/underwriters in an at-the-market offering and a preferred stock offering for Carlyle Credit Income Fund.
- Underwriters in a preferred stock offering for Pearl Diver Credit Company Inc.
- Thrive Acquisition Corp. (a SPAC) in an initial public offering.
- Pinstripes, Inc. in a public merger with Banyan Acquisition Corp. (a SPAC).
- New Mountain Finance Corporation in connection with its initial public offering, multiple subsequent equity follow-on offerings, multiple convertible note offerings, a baby bond offering and multiple private note offerings.*
- Golub Capital BDC, Inc. in connection with two institutional bond offerings.*
- Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp. in connection with its formation and private capital raise.*
- Oxford Square Capital Corp. and Oxford Lane Capital Corp. in connection with an initial public offering, multiple rights offerings, multiple equity follow-on offerings, multiple preferred stock offerings, multiple direct registered offerings, multiple at-the-market equity offerings and multiple baby bond offering.*
- Capitala Finance Corp. in connection with its initial public offering, several baby bond offerings, a convertible note offering, an equity follow-on offering and an at-the-market equity offering.*
- OFS Credit Company, Inc. in connection with its initial public offering, preferred stock offerings, a rights offering, an equity follow-on offering and an at-the-market equity offering.*
- Underwriters in connection with TriplePoint Venture Growth BDC Corp.'s initial public offering, follow-on equity offering and baby bond offering.*

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- Capitala Finance Corp. in connection with the sale of its investment adviser's books and records.*
- Oxford Square Capital Corp. in connection with the potential sale of its investment adviser's books and records and the resulting proxy contests for control of Oxford Square Capital Corp.*
- Allied Capital Corporation in connection with its merger with and into Ares Capital Corporation.*

*Experience prior to Katten

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- Georgetown University Law Center
 - Thomas Bradbury Chetwood, S.J. Prize, 2008

News

- Katten Team Represents the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of 180 Degree Capital Corp. on Agreement to Merge with Mount Logan Capital Inc. (January 22, 2025)
- Katten's Representation of Pinstripes Recognized as a 2024 Middle-Market Deal of the Year by *Mergers & Acquisitions Magazine* (May 17, 2024)
- Katten Represented Pinstripes in Combination With Banyan Acquisition Corporation (January 12, 2024)
- Katten is Representing Publicly-Traded Business Development Companies Managed by SLR Capital Partners, LLC in Merger (December 7, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Represent Thrive Acquisition Corporation in \$172.5 Million Initial Public Offering (November 1, 2021)
- Over 60 of the Nation's Leading Law Firms Respond to Investment Company Act Lawsuits Targeting the SPAC Industry (September 3, 2021)
- Katten Draws New Capital Markets Partner Focused on Business Development Companies and Closed-End Funds (April 21, 2021)

Publications

- SEC Issues Updated 'Names Rule' FAQ (February 6, 2025)
- SEC Division of Examinations Highlights Common Deficiencies in Registered Investment Company Core Examination Areas (November 12, 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 14 (September 2024)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 7 (October 2023)
- SEC Adopts Amendments to 'Names Rule' Impacting Regulated Investment Funds (October 10, 2023)
- Navigating the Regulatory Landscape – SEC Adopts New Rules Requiring Increased Disclosure on Stock Buybacks – Including Quarterly Reporting of Daily Repurchase Activity (May 12, 2023)
- Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity *Quick Bytes* | Issue 1 (January 17, 2023)
- SEC Adopts Amendments to Rule 10b5-1 Plan Requirements and Increases Disclosure Requirements Regarding Insider Trading Policies (December 27, 2022)
- Financial Markets and Funds Quick Take | Issue 9 (December 13, 2022)
- December 9 Looms as Compliance Date for Private Investment Funds and Certain Investment Advisers to Comply With New Cybersecurity Requirements (December 6, 2022)
- Financial Markets and Funds Quick Take | Issue 8 (November 14, 2022)
- Financial Markets and Funds Quick Take | Issue 4 (July 19, 2022)
- SEC Proposes Additional ESG Disclosure Requirements for Regulated Funds and Related Expansion of Investment Company Act "Names Rule" (June 23, 2022)
- Client Alert: Proposed SEC Rules for Investment Advisers and Regulated Funds, and New FTC Safeguard Rule Applicable to Private Funds (March 3, 2022)
- SEC Approves NASDAQ's Board Diversity Disclosure Requirements (October 14, 2021)
- *Capital Markets Compass* | Issue 1 (October 14, 2021)
- Client Alert: SEC Approves Nasdaq's Board Diversity Disclosure Requirements (August 16, 2021)

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- ESG Remains a Priority: SEC Asset Management Advisory Committee Adopts ESG Disclosure Recommendations (July 22, 2021)

Presentations and Events

- AICA 2024 Fall Roundtable (November 13, 2024) | *Moderator* | *Diversified Track – High Yielding Strategies: BDC Venture Loans, CLO Exposure and Additional Strategies*
- Navigating the Future of Private Credit Funds: Structuring, Product Development and Regulatory Trends (October 10, 2024)
- 2022 Credit Fund Forum (October 19, 2022) | *Moderator* | *Current Trends in Credit Fund Formation and Regulation*
- Business Development Company (BDC) Fall Forum (November 16-17, 2021) | *Moderator* | *Current Trends for Large Scale BDCs: Opportunities For Quality Income*