



Venture Capital and Private Equity Practice Group

Our Venture Capital and Private Equity practice group is led by Christopher Frigon and Alejandro Maher. Our venture capital clients include angel investors, venture capital funds, early and late stage emerging growth companies, high net worth family partnerships, and other strategic and institutional investors. We represent clients in such transactions as: (i) fund formation; (ii) bridge financings; (iii) early and late stage financings; and (iv) portfolio company transactions, including divestiture transactions, management buyouts, mergers and acquisitions, initial public offerings and private equity sales. We understand the relationship and common purposes of venture capital funds and companies seeking capital. We are skilled in structuring the components of the capital raising process to fit the legal and investment objectives of any particular fund.

Our representative venture capital transactions include:

- Forming a \$35 million offshore fund to invest in early stage U.S. technology companies (principally Series A transactions);
- Forming a \$50 million domestic fund to invest in U.S. emerging-growth companies (principally post-Series A transactions);
- Forming a \$10 million domestic fund to invest in commercial real estate in the U.S.;
- Representing a fund in \$7 million Series A preferred financing of a low latency transatlantic cable system connecting North America, Europe and Iceland;
- Representing a fund in \$500,000 bridge financing and subsequent \$2.5 million Series A preferred financing of an energy management company;
- Representing a fund in various preferred stock and bridge loan financings of a telecommunications company; and
- Representing a fund in a \$9 million Series A preferred financing of a biotech company.

Our private equity clients include private equity funds, mezzanine funds, small business investment companies, high net worth family partnerships, and other strategic and institutional investors. We counsel private equity investors through all phases, including fund formation, primary investments and leveraged acquisitions. Our private equity practice is not limited to any particular industry and we have distinctive experiences in a variety of industries. We specialize in representing funds that invest in small and middle market transactions and are experienced in counseling private equity firms and investors in transactions such as (i) fund formation; (ii) leveraged acquisitions and restructurings; (iii) buyouts; (iv) recapitalizations; (v) senior and mezzanine financings; (vi) secondary transactions; (vii) portfolio company transactions; and (viii) public offerings and private placements.

Our private equity representative transactions include representing:

- A private equity firm in a fund formation and international fund restructuring;
- Blackstone and KKR private equity funds in connection with strategic transactions;
- A private equity fund in connection with international investments in Brazil; and
- A family office on an on-going basis in connection with private equity transactions.



About Us

Frigon Maher & Stern LLP was founded in 2010. We are a boutique law firm located in New York City. Our attorneys have significant experience practicing at some of New York's leading law firms. We specialize in domestic and international corporate transactions and commercial litigation, and have a successful history of building sophisticated legal and business solutions. We work efficiently and flexibly and our goal is to provide our clients personalized and cost-effective solutions, while upholding the highest professional standards.

Prior to joining the firm, Christopher Frigon and Justin S. Stern each practiced law for nine years at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP¹. Alejandro Maher practiced law for 12 years at various law firms, including Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP², Kirkland & Ellis LLP³ and Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati P.C.⁴

Mr. Frigon holds a BA in Political Science from the University of California at Berkeley, and a JD from New York University School of Law. Mr. Frigon is admitted to practice law in the State of New York, and is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese. Mr. Maher holds a BA in Government from Georgetown University, and a JD from New York University School of Law. Mr. Maher is admitted to practice law in the States of New York and California, and is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese. Mr. Stern holds a BA in Literature and American Studies from Wesleyan University, and a JD from Fordham University School of Law. Mr. Stern is admitted to practice law in the State of New York.

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¹ Ranked #6 law firm nationwide by Vault Top 100 (2015 ed.).

² Ranked #5 law firm nationwide by Vault Top 100 (2015 ed.).

³ Ranked #9 law firm nationwide by Vault Top 100 (2015 ed.).

⁴ Ranked #2 law firm nationwide in Technology Law by Vault Top 100 (2015 ed.).