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Morrison Warren is a partner in the Corporate and Securities Department and is co-chair of the firm's Investment Management Practice Group. Morrison's experience includes extensive work in the corporate and securities area with an emphasis on investment companies, including open-end funds, closed-end funds, exchange-traded funds, unit investment trusts and private investment companies. His experience also includes matters involving the representation of broker-dealers, investment advisers and municipal securities dealers. In addition, he has represented publicly held companies with respect to their compliance with stock exchange requirements and federal securities laws.

Morrison previously served as Associate Counsel of Nuveen Investments. At Nuveen, his practice concentrated in securities and corporate law matters with an emphasis on investment company issues. He represented Nuveen in its capacity as a sponsor of investment company products, a broker-dealer, an investment adviser and a NYSE member. Responsibilities included legal issues involving the offering, organization, operation and reporting requirements of unit investment trusts, closed-end funds and open-end funds; and open and closed-end fund mergers and reorganizations.

Positions

- Co-Chair of Investment Management Practice Group at Chapman and Cutler LLP
- Co-Chair of Chicago Bar Association, CBA Investment Company Committee from 2003-2005 and 2011-present
- Adjunct Professor, Illinois Institute of Technology Kent College of Law, Master of Financial Services Law Program from 2003-2015

Admitted

Illinois, 1991

Education

University of Notre Dame
Law School, J.D., 1991

- Development Editor, *Notre Dame Journal of Legislation*

Occidental College, A.B.,
Political Science, 1988

Practice Focus

Broker-Dealers

Corporate Finance and
Securities

ESG Counsel and Sustainable
Finance

Fintech and Marketplace
Lending

Investment Advisers

Investment Management

Municipal Advisors

Private Funds: Fund/Sponsor
Representation

Registered Investment
Companies

- Member of the Policy Committee of Chapman and Cutler LLP

Representative Matters

- The representation of numerous open-end, closed-end and exchange-traded funds in matters regarding their organization, federal registration and compliance issues. These funds serve as investment vehicles for both retail investors and variable annuity separate accounts.
- The representation of several hundred unit investment trusts and their sponsors in matters regarding their organization, federal and state registration, primary and secondary market offerings, and continuing compliance obligations.
- The representation of sponsors of numerous private investment companies in matters regarding the organization, offering, operation and compliance requirements of such funds.
- The representation of broker-dealers in matters regarding their organization and registration with FINRA, MSRB and SEC; continuing compliance obligations; periodic filings and their preparation of compliance manuals and supervisory procedures.
- The representation of investment advisers with regard to their organization, federal and state registration requirements, advertising restrictions, contract provisions, periodic filings and continuing compliance obligations.
- The representation of an alternative trading system with regard to its organization, preparation of supervisory and compliance procedures and federal registration.

Memberships

Chicago Bar Association

Honors & Awards

Recognized by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company in 2003 as one of the "*Forty Illinois Attorneys under Forty to Watch.*"

Passed Series 7 General Securities Representative Exam in July 1994

Passed Series 63 Uniform Securities Agent State Law Exam in October 1995

Passed Series 65 Uniform Investment Advisor Law Exam in February 1997

Publications

- Co-Author, "Interval and Tender Offer Closed-End Funds: Investment Company Alternatives to Traditional Funds," *Journal of Investment Compliance*. Vol. 20, No. 4, 2019, doi: 10.1108/JOIC-08-2019-0048.

- Co-Author, “SEC Approves Generic Listing Standards for Actively-Managed ETFs,” *Investment Lawyer*. November 1, 2016.
- Co-Author, “Domestic and Regulatory Treatment of ETFs – United States,” *17 Derivatives and Financial Instruments*. February 5, 2015.

Presentations

April 11-14, 2022

Exchange: An ETF Experience