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OVERVIEW

Edward Bennett is a partner in the firm's Asset Management and Investment Funds practice. Ed counsels on a wide range of corporate and business transactional matters, including private equity, mergers and acquisitions, capital markets, secondary buyout, and refinancing. Ed's practice primarily involves the formation of private equity buyout, infrastructure and debt funds, secondary transfers of fund interests, co-investments and carried interest schemes, with a particular focus on private funds formed in or targeting investment in the APAC and South Asia regions. He works with fund managers and institutional investors across the globe on the structuring, establishment, and commitments to these funds.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Ed has worked across Asia since 2011 after relocating from London. Prior to joining the firm, Ed served as a partner at the Singapore office of an American multinational law firm. Through this role, Ed counseled clients on a wide range of corporate and business transactional matters, including private equity, mergers and acquisitions, capital markets, secondary buyout, and refinancing. Ed has recently been advising on the investor and target side on Singapore and U.S. based seed financings in addition to other venture capital investments, particularly in the life sciences and fintech sectors.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* as a Recommended Lawyer in Singapore
  - Investment Funds: Foreign Firms, 2025-2026
  - Investment Funds: Local Firms, 2020-2021
  - M&A: Local Firms, 2019
- Named to *The Best Lawyers in Singapore*™ for Private Funds, 2026

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Member, Practice Group of the Year, Asset Management, Law360 (2017)
- Member, Singapore Venture Capital Association

EDUCATION

- Legal Practice Course, College of Law of England & Wales, 1999
- LL.B., Downing College, Cambridge, 1998

ADMISSIONS

- Foreign Practitioner permitted to practice Singapore Law (commercial, corporate finance and corporate) and foreign law in Singapore
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- June 2026 , Global Survey of ESG Regulations for Asset Managers
- June 2026, ESG and the Sustainable Economy Handbook
- 9 February 2026, Singapore's New Model AI Governance Framework for Agentic AI (2026)
- 3 September 2025, The Global Stablecoin: Stablecoin Regulatory Framework in Singapore
- 28 April 2025, Asia: MAS Consults on Retail Access to Private Market Investment Funds
- February 2025, Asset Management Regulatory Year in Review 2024
- 27 January 2025, Carried Interest and Co-Investment Plans: A Primer for Asia-Based Private Fund Managers
- 5 November 2024, Navigating US Regulatory and Tax Issues—A Primer for Singapore Managers Marketing Private Funds in the United States
- 14 March 2024, Singapore Tax: Implications of Section 10L on Investment Funds
- 6 March 2024, Driving Investment in Decarbonisation
- 6 November 2023, Singapore: MAS Consults on Simplified Regulatory Framework for Fund Managers
- 20 October 2023, Singapore: Updates to Tax Incentives for Single Family Offices
- 20 October 2023, S$2 Billion Money Laundering Case Threatens Singapore's Reputation
- 12 April 2023, Singapore: MAS Publishes Observations From Inspection of Venture Capital Fund Managers

- 16 March 2023, Singapore: Financial Institution Guidance to Enhance Vigilance Over Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing
- 28 April 2022, How to Successfully Expand in Asia

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author, “Singapore Investment Activities: Legal Perspective,” *Asia Business Law Journal,* 26 October 2023
- Co-Author, "Expert Briefing: Investment Activities in Singapore: A Legal Perspective," *Asia Business Law Journal*, 19 October 2023

NEWS & EVENTS

- 16 April 2026, More Than 80 K&L Gates Lawyers Across Asia-Pacific Recognised in 2027 Best Lawyers, Ones to Watch Editions
- 6 January 2025, K&L Gates Advises Alyssa Partners on the Acquisition of Japan Logistics Properties
- 14 November 2024, K&L Gates Advises Intudo on Closings of Intudo Ventures IV, LP and Natural Resources Fund at US$125 Million
- 9 September 2024, K&L Gates Advises on ESR-Managed Fund's Divestiture of Over RMB 5.8 Billion of Logistics Assets in China
- 2 July 2024, K&L Gates Advises Vanda Shareholders in Its Sale to FPE Capital
- 6 October 2021, 2021 Investment Management Conference
- 06 September 2021, K&L Gates Straits Law LLC Adds Funds Partner in Singapore

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Mentioned, "APAC Fund Manager Briefing: Current Top of Mind Issues to Ponder On," *AIMA.org*, 11 March 2022

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Asset Management and Investment Funds
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity Funds
- Private Equity Transactions

INDUSTRIES

- Life Sciences