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I enjoy sorting out complicated situations for my clients. It's satisfying for me to take incomplete or contradictory information, make sense of it, and identify the risks and potential benefits. I uncover the policies and politics that shape the law and its enforcement and what those things mean for my clients. From there, we choose the optimum path to move forward.

With a client base that spans the globe, Andris Vizbaras counsels financial institutions on the formation and regulation of broker-dealers, investment advisors, and commodity trading advisors. Handling cross-border matters involving Israel, China, Canada, and other countries, he assists organizations with federal registration compliance and advises unregistered foreign broker dealers on permitted U.S. activities. Also, Andris directs equipment lessors on their capital markets activities and related complex regulatory questions.

Andris provides a comprehensive range of services in connection with hedge funds and private equity funds, including advising clients on structuring the funds and their management firms and preparing offerings, subscription documents, and regulatory strategies under federal and state investment adviser, securities broker-dealer, and commodity futures laws.

On the transactional side of his practice, Andris represents purchasers and sellers in mergers, acquisitions, and tender offers, and counsels issuers in public and private securities offerings, reporting requirements, and anti-takeover defenses. He also guide buyers through the array of issues that arise in the acquisitions of

public companies, including cash tender offers, merger solicitations, and going-private transactions. He also helps issuers in a broad range of public and private offerings of debt and equity securities.

Representing the second biggest shipping container lessor in the world, Andris adeptly assists this type of client in forming special-purpose companies and navigating this unique, highly delimited industry environment. In the broader financial space, Andris helps businesses and institutions gain compliance with and combat the overreach committed by government agencies and other regulatory organizations. He also assists smaller firms in gaining entry into this extremely competitive arena.

Because his clients place a premium on calculating appropriate risk weightings relative to possible outcomes, Andris always takes the time to walk them through various scenarios and explain all the factors entering into a decision until they achieve clarity and feel confident pursuing a particular strategy.

Experience

- Represent and advise a major London-based derivatives broker and dealer in numerous acquisitions and new ventures.
- Lead counsel to a major new reinsurance company on all securities law aspects of its startup, IPO, listing on NYSE and compliance requirements.
- Provide a comprehensive range of services in connection with hedge funds and private equity funds, including advice on structuring the funds and their management firms, preparation of offering and subscription documents and regulatory strategies under federal and state investment adviser, securities broker-dealer and commodity futures laws.
- Represent and advise buyers in acquisitions of public companies, including cash tender offers, merger solicitations and going-private transactions.
- Represent and advise issuers in a broad range of public and private offerings of debt and equity securities.
- Represent broker dealers on state and federal registration and advise them on compliance; advise unregistered foreign broker dealers on permitted U.S. activities.

Outside the Office

I enjoy outdoor activities such as golf and sailing, and I recently tried snowboarding. I'm also interested in genealogy and 20th Century European history.

Practices

Canada Cross-Border
Corporate
Financial Services Regulation and Enforcement
Israeli Cross-Border
China Cross-Border
Mergers and Acquisitions
Securities
Capital Markets and Leveraged Finance Practice

Admissions

Bar Admissions

New York

Affiliations

Member, The Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Education

New York University (JD, 1989)

Washington University (BA, 1983)