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Bert Stemmler is an experienced corporate attorney who advises private investment funds and their managers on formation, operation and compliance matters. He also serves as outside general counsel to businesses, addressing a wide range of corporate legal needs.

Bert's practice includes registering investment advisers with the SEC and state authorities and identifying exemptions such as exempt reporting adviser status.

He advises U.S. and non-U.S. investment professionals, family offices, real estate firms, venture capital firms, private equity firms, hedge fund managers and digital asset managers on all aspects of Investment Advisers Act compliance, including:

- the Marketing Rule
- Examinations
- Custody
- Fees
- Investor Qualification Requirements
- Form ADV

Bert has extensive experience in the crypto and digital assets space, having previously served as Head of Legal and Compliance at Open Web Collective, a VC fund manager and accelerator for crypto startups. He counsels clients on the legal and regulatory challenges associated with digital assets and cryptocurrency investments and strategies.

Bert is dedicated to helping clients navigate the evolving regulatory landscape for private funds and their sponsors and is passionate about integrating new aspects of innovation and technology into his practice.

Education

- New York University School of Law (LL.M. - Tax, 2008)
- Cardozo School of Law (J.D., 2007)
- Vanderbilt University (B.S., 2003)
 - Psychology

Capabilities

- Investment Strategies & Capital Solutions
- Investment Management & Funds
- Corporate & Transactional
- Joint Ventures & Strategic Alliances
- Family Office

Bar Admissions

- New York
- Tennessee

Memberships

- International Bar Association
 - Asset Management and Investment Funds Committee
- American Bar Association
 - Federal Regulation of Securities Committee
 - Private Funds Subcommittee
- New York State Bar Association
 - Securities Regulation Committee
 - Private Investment Funds Subcommittee
- New York City Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Association
- Nashville Bar Association

Recognition

- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*® for Corporate Law, 2025-2026