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Howard has represented a range of clients in his career, including both public and private companies. He has 25 years of experience in public and private securities offerings for REITs and other real estate companies, 1934 Act reporting, corporate and securities compliance issues, corporate governance matters, employment matters and litigation related matters. Howard has extensive experience counseling executive teams and public company boards of directors and their committees. He has worked with investment management firms and worked on offerings for several private equity firms. Howard has more than seven years of experience as a general counsel and chief legal officer for multiple private and public companies.

He has detailed involvement and responsibility with investor relations, human resources, intellectual property, cybersecurity, and insurance related matters along with other company operations. Howard has led or participated in over \$20 billion in public company registrations with the SEC over his career. He has counseled public companies on corporate governance best practices and compliance matters, and represented issuers on SEC, FINRA, and "Blue Sky" regulatory matters. Howard also has extensive experience representing broker dealers on FINRA compliance matters.

Experience

The following is a selected sampling of matters and is provided for informational purposes only. Past success does not indicate the likelihood of success in any future matter.

Previous Professional Experience

- Of Counsel, Atlanta Law Firm (2021–2023)
- General Counsel, Griffin Capital Company, LLC (January 2021–September 2021)
- Chief Legal Officer, Peakstone Realty Trust (December 2018–January 2021)
- General Counsel, Griffin Capital Company, LLC (2014–2018)

Education

University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, JD

Indiana University, BS

Admissions

Georgia

Practice Areas

[Real Estate Investment Trusts](#)

[Corporate & Securities](#)

[Private Funds](#)

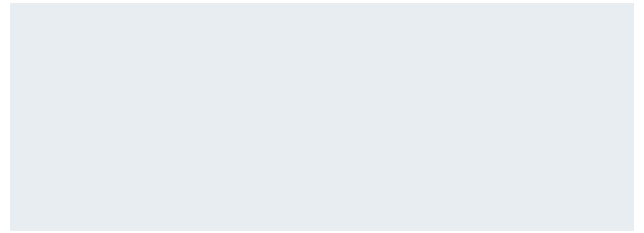
[Public Company Compliance & Counseling](#)

[Securities Offerings](#)

Industries

[Real Estate](#)

- Shareholder, National Law Firm (2009–2014)
- Counsel, Atlanta Law Firm (2007–2009)
- Associate/Partner, National Law Firm (1999–2007)
- Associate, Chicago Law Firm (1997–1999)
- Associate, Chicago Law Firm (1996–1997)



Articles & Speeches

Insights

[Nelson Mullins Tax Report – IRS Finalizes Look-Through Rule for Domestically Controlled REITs](#)- Contributing Author (May 13, 2024)

Events/Speaking Engagements

Preparing for a 2026 Launch: What Sponsors Should Be Doing Now , *Retail Readiness Webinar*- Co-Speaker (November 13, 2025)

Legislative and SEC, FINRA, and Blue Sky Regulatory Update (May 2022)

Overview of Alternative Investments – Cumming, GA (February 2022)

The Public vs. Private Offering Dilemma – Las Vegas, NV (October 2021)

Legislative and Regulatory Update – Chicago, IL (September 2021)

ESG & Sustainability: Why the Non-Listed Alternatives Industry Needs to Pay Attention – New York City (June 2019)

Qualified Opportunity Zone Offerings: What Is All The Fuss About? – Dana Point, CA (December 2018)

Regulatory Update & Working Towards a Productive Relationship with Regulators – New York, NY (June 2018)

Alerts

[SEC Adopts New Cybersecurity Disclosure Requirements](#), Securities Alert (September 5, 2023)

Blogs

[IRS Proposes Retroactive Withdrawal of Look-Through Rule for Domestically Controlled REITs](#), Tax Reports - Co-Author (October 22, 2025)