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Vicki Odette serves as the global chair of Haynes Boone's Investment Management Practice and is a member of the firm's Executive Committee. The practice includes approximately 40 lawyers dedicated exclusively to fund work, supported by an additional 100 lawyers across related disciplines such as finance, derivatives, tax, ERISA and private equity. Haynes Boone's key offices – including Dallas, New York and London – are experiencing strong growth. With seven offices across Texas, Vicki has observed a surge of interest from established alternative asset managers relocating to Texas or launching new operations locally. She collaborates closely with regional service providers, including accountants and fund administrators, to support this expansion. Vicki's client base spans hedge funds, private equity, venture capital and private debt managers. She is particularly engaged in the evolving private credit space, where she finds the complexities of open-ended and hybrid structures particularly interesting. Vicki's innovative approach has led to the creation of the first hybrid hedge/private equity insurance-dedicated fund in the US, catering specifically for high-net-worth investors. She is at the forefront of emerging trends, advising on GP stake sales, continuation fund transactions and the seeding and acceleration of emerging managers. In addition to representing fund sponsors, Vicki counsels a wide range of investors, including family offices, high-net-worth individuals and sovereign wealth funds in the Middle East, where she is learning standard Arabic to deepen client engagement. Beyond her legal practice, Vicki is committed to community service. She sits on the Executive Board of Capital for Kids, a Texas-based nonprofit supporting underprivileged children in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Vicki holds a JD from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, an LLM in Taxation from NYU School of Law, an LLM in International Law from Georgetown University Law Center and a BA in Political Science from Texas A&M University.