



## ADAM BIRNBAUM

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Adam's practice centers on the representation of private equity funds (ranging from top tier sponsors to first time funds) and commercial borrowers in a variety of domestic and international financing matters, including subscription line facilities, asset based/net asset value secured credit facilities, margin loan facilities, management fee secured credit facilities and professional loan programs. Adam also routinely counsels clients on general corporate issues and debt compliance matters.

#### What first sparked your interest in fund finance?

Early in my career, I was fortunate to find a mentor who not only guided me through the technical side of the work but truly invested in my development. That relationship made a big impact. I was trusted with substantive responsibilities right away—drafting ancillary deliverables, assisting with credit agreement reviews, and getting a front-row seat to how complex fund finance deals come together. That early exposure, combined with the support I received, made the work feel both accessible and exciting. Ever since, I found myself getting more and more involved with the team and increasingly drawn to the intricacies of the material. The deeper I dug in, the more my interest and appreciation for the fund finance space grew.

#### In what ways have you contributed to the growth or development of others in the industry?

I've always made a point to mentor junior associates, especially those new to fund finance. Whether walking through credit agreements or ancillary deliverables, sharing best practices for managing deal pressure, or demystifying the broader purpose behind the work, I aim to create a more supportive and collaborative environment. I contribute a larger part of where I am today in my career to my mentors, so I love to do my best to pay it back to junior members of my team.

#### How do you engage with your community or causes you care about?

I dedicate time helping alumni from my alma maters - Vanderbilt and Tulane by offering career advice and interview preparation and helping them navigate their professional journeys. Additionally, I stay actively involved with my local Jewish community and various organizations, contributing where I can support cultural events and charitable initiatives.



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#### What's your guilty pleasure?

Reality TV. Give me Love Is Blind, The Challenge, or a random episode of Shark Tank or Chopped, and I'm hooked. It's the perfect mindless escape.

#### What's your favorite sport to watch — and who's your team?

The NFL and unfortunately, I am a Miami Dolphins fan.

#### How do you like to celebrate a big win?

By unplugging and spending time with my fiancée and my niece. Whether it's a low-key dinner, a walk outside, or just laughing over something silly my niece does, it's the best way to stay grounded and soak in the moment with the people who matter most.