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Asset management partner, Jessica O'Mary, co-heads the firm's credit funds practice, advising on a wide range of issues, including formation of vehicles spanning closed-end, open-end funds and hybrid funds and separate account structures, as well as day-to-day regulatory, compliance, administrative and operational issues unique to debt fund managers. She has advised both established and emerging fund managers on more complex and innovative structures, including funds with "treaty" and independent agent structures; ICAVs; "season and sell" structures; risk retention structures; rated note feeder structures, insurance dedicated product and hybrid continuous life vehicles. Publicly disclosed clients include \$28bn manager Angelo, Gordon & Co.; \$26bn manager Benefit Street Partners; CVC Credit Partners, and CIFC Asset Management. O'Mary has advised on hedge fund manager launches including Athanor Capital and ACORE Capital. In 2018, she launched Ropes & Gray's inaugural credit funds forum. She has also produced a podcast series on credit fund issues, including "How PE Funds can Address and Minimise Conflict when Expanding into Credit", and is a sought-after author and commentator on credit funds. She has a JD from Boston College Law School and an AB in Environmental Science and Public Policy from Harvard College.