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Matthew E. Kohen is a Partner and Chair of the firm's [Business Transactions Practice Group](#). He focuses his practice on the representation of companies, investors, and funds in complex capital raising, merger, acquisition, and investment transactions. His corporate, investor, and investment fund clients operate in a wide variety of industries, including technology, financial services, and supply chain and logistics.

Through his experience in a unique variety of transactions, Mr. Kohen has represented public and private companies in a various industries in transactional matters, including public securities offerings (SPACs, warrant tender offers), debt financings (negotiation of significant credit facilities and corporate debt offerings), private equity transactions (recapitalizations, leveraged buyouts), and various general corporate and capital formation matters for startup and growth companies (SAFEs, convertible notes, equity financings, joint ventures). Due to the variety and sophistication of the transactions handled by Mr. Kohen, he is able to identify the often-unforeseen risks associated with complex and unique deals. As such, he routinely advises both companies and insurers on matters related to representation and warranty insurance.

Mr. Kohen is also a leading expert in blockchain and digital currencies. Mr. Kohen has counseled some of the industry's leading companies and investors on matters involving core developer fiduciary duties, anti-trust laws in connection with blockchain "forks", and risk mitigation for users and maintainers of smart contracts. Mr. Kohen is a sought-after commentator on the rapidly-developing legal and compliance landscape for financial technology companies and has been featured in numerous publications such as The Daily Business Review, American Banker, Law360, ABA Journal, CoinDesk, CoinTelegraph, and The Regulatory Review. He is also the co-author of the leading treatise on state regulations affecting virtual currencies, published quarterly by Thomson Reuters.

Mr. Kohen served as Innovation Committee Chairman on the Young Alumni Board of the University of Miami Law Alumni Association Board of Directors, and he has lectured at the University of Miami School of Law. He has been deemed a "Super Lawyer Rising Star" by his peers from 2017-2024 and has been nominated and confirmed to serve as a member of Dade Legal Aid's Leadership Academy.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Bar Association

One Community One Goal, Miami-Dade County's official economic development organization

- Miami-Dade Beacon Council
- Information Technology Committee

InfraGard, Communications, Financial Services & Information Technology Sectors

Florida International Bankers Association, Innovation Committee

PRACTICE AREAS

[Business Transactions](#)

[Real Estate](#)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Florida

EDUCATION

University of Miami, J.D., Cum Laude

- Dean's List
- University of Miami Law Review

American University, B.A. Communications, Legal Institutions, Economics, Government (C.L.E.G.)

American University, B.A. Political Science

AWARDS

Super Lawyer Rising Star, 2017-2024

Author of the top article in Finance & Banking, Securities by the JD Supra Readers' Choice Awards, 2020

Recognized as a Top Article in Finance & Banking, Securities by the 2020 JD Supra Readers' Choice Awards

Dade Legal Aid Leadership Academy, 2019

Top author in Cybersecurity by the JD Supra Readers' Choice Awards, 2016