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Jessica Panza has significant experience working with investment funds and their investors on a wide range of fund structures in both U.S. and non-U.S. jurisdictions. Her practice involves every aspect of an investment fund's life cycle — from initial structuring and formation (including fund sponsor/general partner internal firm arrangements and compensation matters) through ongoing operational matters and culminating with the fund's liquidation and dissolution.

Jessica represents a variety of private equity and real estate clients with respect to buyout, real estate, and venture funds and special purpose investment programs. She also regularly represents investors, including institutional investors, in connection with proposed investments in private equity funds as well as co-investment and direct investment opportunities. In addition, Jessica is regularly involved with representing corporate clients in investment activities, including venture capital investments, leveraged buyouts, mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, and similar transactions. She also advises clients on securities issues, strategic relationships, corporate governance, and other general corporate matters.

Some of the clients Jessica has recently worked with include LaSalle Investment Management, Meyer Bergman Limited, Morgenthaler Partners, NTUC Income Insurance Cooperative, the private equity arm of a global sovereign investor (with respect to venture, buyout, real estate investment fund, and direct investment opportunities), The Riverside Company, The Townsend Group, and Whitman Peterson Partners.

In community matters, Jessica serves on the board of directors for the Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing.

EDUCATION

University of Illinois (J.D. summa cum laude 2007; Order of the Coif; Managing Editor, Illinois Business Law Journal; Symposium Editor, Law Review); University of Notre Dame (B.B.A. summa cum laude 2004)