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Zach Robert is a founding partner of Cooley's Chicago office. He concentrates his practice on the formation of private funds and the ongoing management and compliance activities associated with investment advisory businesses. Zach represents a wide range of sponsor organizations, including venture capital and buyout firms, and he is regularly involved in a variety of projects across the fundraising spectrum, from smaller first-time funds to multi-billion-dollar investment programs. He also has considerable experience advising institutional investors on private equity and similar investments.

Zach's representative experience before joining Cooley includes advising:

- Lightbank, a Chicago-based venture capital firm, in the closing of its second early-stage venture capital fund, Lightbank II, L.P., with \$180 million in capital commitments, which will be invested across a broad range of sectors and concentrated in pre-seed, seed and Series A opportunities.
- May River Capital, a Chicago-based private equity firm that invests in lower middle market industrial businesses, in the closing of its inaugural fund, May River Fund I, with total LP commitments of \$165 million, and the closing of its sophomore fund, May River Fund II, with total LP commitments of \$300 million.
- MetaProp Holdings, a New York-based venture capital firm that invests in technological innovations that affect the real estate market (also known as proptech), in the closing of its second fund, MetaProp Ventures II, with \$40 million in capital commitments, which will be invested in seed and early-stage opportunities.
- Great Range Capital, a Kansas City-based private equity firm that invests in lower middle market companies in the US heartland, in the closing of its second fund, Great Range Capital Fund II, L.P., with more than \$120 million in capital commitments, which primarily will be invested in niche manufacturing, business, industrial and healthcare services, and consumer and retail industries.

Prior to joining Cooley, Zach was a partner at Winston & Strawn.

Education

Harvard University

JD, Submissions editor, Harvard Human Rights Journal; Articles editor, Negotiation Law Review; Teaching fellow, Harvard College, 2007

Oxford University

MPhil, 2004

Middlebury College
BA, magna cum laude, 2001

Admissions & Credentials

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