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Bernard Kelley has more than 25 years of experience in the organization, structuring, and operation of Delaware alternative entities. A director in the firm's Limited Liability Company and Partnership Advisory Group, Bernie is actively involved in a wide variety of transactional matters involving Delaware limited liability companies, limited partnerships, general partnerships, and statutory trusts.

Considered a "go-to guy for complex Delaware partnership matters" (*Chambers USA*, 2018), Bernie assists alternative entities in transactions involving structured finance, mergers and acquisitions, private equity funds, and joint ventures. He also represents banks and trust companies in commercial transactions and regulatory matters, including before Delaware state regulatory authorities.

Publications

- "Delaware Insider: Recent Amendments to the Alternative Entity Acts," *Business Law Today*, August 2014
- "Recent Case Law Developments Relating to Delaware's Alternative Entities," *Delaware Law Review*, 2010

Awards

- *Chambers USA*
- *The Best Lawyers in America*
- *Best Lawyers'* Wilmington, DE Business Organizations Lawyer of the Year, 2019
- AV Rating, Martindale-Hubbell

Leadership

- Delaware State Bar Association, Committee responsible for drafting amendments to the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, the Delaware Revised Uniform Partnership Act, and the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act

- Delaware State Bar Association, Delaware Banking Law Committee, Past Chair

Education

- J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School, 1989
- B.A., Swarthmore College, 1986

Admitted to Practice

- Delaware, 1989

Practices

- Limited Liability Company and Partnership Advisory