



Who are tomorrow's superstar private equity lawyers? To find out, we asked a cross-section of industry participants, trusted contacts and law firms themselves — who were gracious enough to name top junior talent at rival firms if they were to submit their own nominations — to come up with a triple-digit list of nominations. After much debate, we whittled the list down to this elite 30.



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If you've attended your fair share of industry events in the past year, chances are you've heard from Adrian Leipsic. The fund formation lawyer for clients like Blackstone and Hillhouse Capital has been seen onstage at such events as the New York City Bar Center for Continuing Legal Education's private equity program, the Maples Investment Fund Forum and the Private Equity Growth Capital Council's Chief Compliance Officers' Working Group meeting. Inside the office, Leipsic works on leveraged buyout, special situations, distressed debt and loan origination funds.

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