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**Education Session No. 665:
Asset Management 2020**

September 20, 2016 at 6 PM
Minneapolis, MN

Over the past several years, rapid developments in the global economic environment have pushed asset management to the forefront of social and economic change. An important part of this change, the need for increased and sustainable long-term investment returns, has propelled the alternative asset classes to center stage. Listen to a provocative discussion with three hedge fund professionals who will share their views on the likely changes in the industry over the coming years.

Participants

Tim O'Brien, Pine River Capital Management
Allison Rosier, PwC
Danielle Valkner, PwC
Valarie Johnston Smoot, *Moderator*, PwC

Event Details

Date: September 20, 2016

Time: 5:30 PM Registration.

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Host: PwC

Location: 45 South Seventh Street, Suite 3400, **Minneapolis**, MN 55402

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Biographies

Tim O'Brien, Partner, General Counsel & Co-Chief Operating Officer, Pine River Capital Management
Tim is General Counsel and Co-Chief Operating Officer. He is a member of Pine River's Compliance Committee and also serves on the Executive, Operating, Valuation and Terms Committees. Prior to joining Pine River in 2007, Tim served as Vice President and General Counsel of NRG Energy, Inc. from 2004 until 2006. He served as Deputy General Counsel of NRG Energy from 2000 to 2004 and Assistant General Counsel from 1996 to 2000. Prior to joining NRG, Tim was an associate at Sheppard Mullin in Los Angeles and San Diego, California. He received a BA in History from Princeton University in 1981 and a JD from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1986. Tim was admitted to the partnership in 2010.

Outside of Pine River, Tim is a member of the Global Council of the Alternative Investment Management Association (AIMA), and serves on the board of trustees of St. Paul Academy and Summit School, an independent K-12 in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Allison Rosier, Principal, US Alternative Investment Funds Tax Leader and US Tax Human Capital Leader, PwC
Allison Rosier is a Principal in PwC's Asset Management Tax Practice in New York. She is the US Alternative Investment Funds Tax Leader and the US Tax Human Capital Leader.
Allison advises hedge fund and private equity fund clients in connection with structuring investment vehicles, analyzing acquisitions for potential tax issues, and implementing tax efficient investment and trading strategies. Allison also focuses on the tax treatment of derivatives and financial instruments for various clients of the firm.

Allison received her J.D. and LL.M. in Taxation from the NYU School of Law, and her A.B., with distinction, from Cornell University. She is a member of the tax committees of the New York State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, the Managed Funds Association and the Wall Street Tax Association.

Danielle Valkner, Partner, Co-Head of US Alternative Asset Management Advisory Practice, PwC
Danielle Valkner has over 25 years of industry experience in financial services, focusing on asset management, banking and capital markets. She co-leads PwC's national alternative asset management advisory practice and has worked on multiple engagements with asset managers and fund administration clients focusing on finance effectiveness, process improvement/target operating model design, regulatory compliance, risk management, vendor selection, mergers and acquisitions, and middle and back office system development and implementation.

Prior to joining PwC, Danielle worked directly for two large global asset managers, gaining extensive industry experience in Chief Financial and Chief Administrative Officer roles, responsible for all aspects of middle and back office operations, infrastructure, finance and accounting.

Danielle graduated summa cum laude from Augustana College where she majored in Accounting and Business Administration with concentrations in Finance and Economics. She is a registered CPA and received state and national honors related to the certification exam.

Valarie Johnston Smoot, Director, Alternative Asset Management Tax Practice, PwC

As a Director in the PwC tax practice, Valarie drives tax solutions to clients globally. Her career has been concentrated on U.S. tax compliance and through her experience she has come to work with clients on a variety of U.S. federal and state tax compliance issues. Recently Valarie completed a tour with PwC Channel Islands through which she leveraged her U.S. tax knowledge and PwC global network in servicing local market clients' U.S., UK and Channel Islands tax compliance and consulting needs.

Valarie has experience with a wide variety of Financial Services clients with her primary client base being Private Equity Funds, Fund of Funds and Hedge Funds.

Valarie earned her undergraduate degree in Accounting and Finance from Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame (2005) and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant in Minnesota. She has been with PwC U.S. since 2005, and completed a 2.5 year tour with PwC Channel Islands in July 2015.



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