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About Gabriel

Gabriel Yomi Dabiri is the Global Head of Private Credit and Direct Lending at Squire Patton Boggs.

Based in New York, Gabriel advises clients across the credit spectrum, providing strategic counsel to private credit funds, direct lenders, private equity sponsors and corporate borrowers on complex domestic and cross-border finance transactions.

Gabriel has extensive experience structuring and negotiating credit facilities across the capital stack, including senior, mezzanine, subordinated, unitranche, first lien/second lien, asset-based lending, subscription line and capital call facilities. He is adept at navigating complex intercreditor and subordination arrangements, and frequently advises clients on liability management strategies, debt restructurings and debtor-in-possession financings. His background in both “buy-and-hold” and broadly syndicated loan transactions enables him to creatively navigate the evolving private credit landscape.

Gabriel brings a unique global perspective to his practice. He is dual-qualified, admitted to practice law in New York and in England and Wales. He also draws on his experience working at premier international and national law firms in London, Singapore and New York.

Experience

Lender Representations

- Represented a global financial institution in connection with the senior secured financing of up to US\$825 million, secured by assets located across 17 foreign jurisdictions across North America, Europe and Asia. Amounts under the revolving credit facility were in US dollars and euros.*
- Represented a leading global alternative asset manager in US\$292 million and CA\$26 million unitranche term loan credit facilities to private equity sponsor in connection with acquisition financing of scaffolding company.*
- Represented a global credit investment platform on and relating to a US\$240 million senior secured term loan and a US\$15 million revolving credit facility to an enterprise information management and IT system management solutions company.*

- Represented a global credit investment platform in connection with a US\$250 million senior secured second-lien term loan facility to a distressed energy company with assets in Central America, South America, Africa, Europe, Asia and Australia.*
- Represented a global banking and financial services institution in acquisition financing by an energy and power-focused private investment firm. The financing consisted of a US\$170 million term loan facility and a US\$25 million revolving credit facility.*
- Represented a global banking and financial services institution in the origination and syndication of term loan credit facilities in aggregate amount of US\$140 million to a real estate investment trust that owns a diversified portfolio of luxury hotels.*
- Represented a leading global alternative asset manager in US\$50 million senior secured second-lien term loan facility to a business automation software company.*
- Represented a Japanese-based credit investment platform on a US\$8.5 million second-lien term loan to a US-based fintech SME.*
- Represented a global financial institution in connection with the financing of the acquisition of a portfolio of equipment manufacturers providing advanced oilfield equipment and technology to North American and international customers.*
- Represented a US commercial bank on structure and mechanics in the purchase of a specialist asset-based lending division of a commercial bank located in the United Kingdom. The sale was part of a deleveraging and divestiture program required by the European Commission following the bank's acceptance of state aid during the financial crisis.*

Sponsor and Borrower Representations

- Represented a private equity sponsor in an award-winning deal involving investment in a nationwide commercial due diligence firm, providing engineering and architectural services for institutional property owners acquiring or developing commercial real estate*
- Represented a private equity and venture capital firm focused on biopharmaceuticals, medical devices, diagnostics and healthcare services, on a US\$100 million bridge to permanent senior secured term loan facility to a pharmaceutical research and development company based in the Netherlands.*
- Represented an information technology company in Chapter 11 bankruptcy process, which included US\$45 million debtor-in-possession financing.*
- Represented a South American shipping company client on a series of asset finance transactions involving the acquisition of cargo vessels delivered in Taiwan by virtue of financing from a French bank, security located in New York and the Isle of Man and subsequent drawdowns on related revolving credit facilities.*
- Represented a private equity sponsor on a project finance transaction governed by a suite of senior credit facilities relating to the expansion of an oil refinery in South America.*
- Represented a manufacturing company involuntary Chapter 11 reorganization and subsequent emergence from bankruptcy.*

*Denotes experience from a prior firm.

Credentials

Education

- The University of Law of England and Wales, GDLP, 2009

- Cardiff University, LL.B., 2008
- University of Pennsylvania, B.A., 2000

Admissions

- England and Wales, 2012
- New York, 2010

Memberships & Affiliations

Faculty Member, Lawline.com, 2017 – present

Member, 1844, 2014 – present

Member, Foreign Policy Association, 2012 – present

Member, New York State Bar Association, 2010 – present

Recognitions

- Named to *The American Lawyer's* 2022 Northeast Trailblazers
- Named to *Crain's New York* Notable Diverse Leaders Law 2022
- Selected as "Rising Star" in Super Lawyers Magazine, 2015- 2020, for work in Banking, Securities and Corporate Finance
- Recognized as an Empire State Counsel® Honoree by the New York State Bar Association
- Named in the "Top 100" by The National Black Lawyers for "exemplifying superior qualifications of leadership, reputation, influence and performance in his areas of legal practice"

Expertise

Services

- Financial Services
- Private Credit & Direct Lending

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Co-author, "Navigating Disruption in the Private Credit Market," *Practical Law the Journal*, June 2026.
- Interviewed, "Navigating MFS's Downfall: A Resiliency Test for ABF", *Structured Credit Investor*, May 5, 2026.
- Panelist, "Squire Patton Boggs Asset Management Forum: Private Credit Lifecycle," April 2026.
- Co-author, "Expert Q&A on Navigating the Current Stress in the Private Credit Market," Thomson Reuters, April 3, 2026.
- Guest Speaker, Mergermarket Influencers Fireside Chat, February 2026.
- Moderator, "The Cross-Border Opportunity Set in the U.S. and Europe," Private Debt Investor Forum New York City, September 2025.
- Panelist, "Private Credit Loan Refinancing: Considerations for Borrowers and New Lenders," American Bankruptcy Institute Private Credit Webinar Series, September 2025.

- Panelist, "Private Credit vs Traditional Lending: What Every Lawyer Needs to Know," ABA Business Law Fall Meeting, Toronto, 2025.

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