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Laurence D. Paredes, Managing Director, serves as Private Debt Product Structuring & Fund Board Engagement Lead for BlackRock's Global Private Debt Business & Product Strategy team.

Mr. Paredes is responsible for focusing on the regulatory and legal complexities associated with product structuring, business strategy and client engagement towards the strategic expansion of BlackRock's global debt product suite. Additionally, Mr. Paredes is responsible for ongoing governance and fund board engagement for the Global Private Debt platform and existing and future business development companies. Mr. Paredes also serves as Corporate Secretary to BlackRock's business development companies: BlackRock TCP Capital Corporation ("TCPC"), BlackRock Capital Investment Corporation (formerly BlackRock Kelso Capital Corporation) ("BCIC"), BlackRock Direct Lending Corp. ("BDLC") and BlackRock Private Credit Fund ("BDEBT").

Prior to joining BlackRock's Global Private Debt Business & Product Strategy team, Mr. Paredes was a member of the BlackRock Legal & Compliance Department from 2008 to 2023, where he served as General Counsel to TCPC, BCIC, BDLC and BDEBT, and also supported BlackRock's U.S. registered funds business and BlackRock's U.S. Wealth Advisory business. Mr. Paredes also served as General Counsel of BlackRock Kelso Capital Advisors LLC, as well as General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer of BlackRock Kelso Mezzanine Partners I, LLC and BKCA Mezzanine Advisors LLC.

Prior to joining BlackRock in 2008, Mr. Paredes served as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Porter Novelli, Inc., an Omnicom Group Inc. agency. Before Porter Novelli, Inc., Mr. Paredes was with the law firms of Spitzer & Feldman P.C. and Beckman, Millman & Sanders LLP, where he practiced corporate, securities and investment management law.

Mr. Paredes has previously served as a Trustee for the Rye Country Day School and the Frederick Gunn School.

Mr. Paredes received a B.A. (Economics) from Hobart College and a J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.