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David J. Kerstein is one of Validity’s co-founders and serves as Managing Director and Senior Investment Officer of the company. In addition to co-leading Validity’s origination, underwriting and structuring of investment opportunities, Dave helps to guide Validity’s strategic growth into new and expanded markets and avenues for investment. As an early adopter of litigation finance and with nine years in the industry, Dave uses his depth of knowledge and experience to serve as a trusted and strategic partner and advisor to lawyers and clients seeking to manage litigation risk and spend. He also oversees the monitoring and analysis of the company’s funded cases and helps develop and manage Validity’s investment strategies.

Dave and the Validity team work on the cutting edge of commercial litigation funding, investing in both individual cases and law firm case portfolios. Dave and the team efficiently evaluate case merits and structure deals that provide commercial clients and law firms the capital and strategic perspective they need to pursue worthy cases without financial constraints. Having spent fifteen years as a trial lawyer handling complex commercial disputes at Gibson Dunn, Dave understands the landscape attorneys and their clients face when pursuing important claims and is uniquely positioned to help them navigate it.

Dave is a sought-after speaker and recognized leader in litigation finance. He has been named among *Lawdragon’s* “Global 100 Leaders in Legal Finance” and selected by *Who’s Who Legal* as a “Thought Leader in Third Party Funding.” Dave earned his J.D. from University of Pennsylvania Law School, graduating as a Toll Scholar. He received his B.A. from the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was a Benjamin Franklin Scholar and received a degree in Diplomatic History.