Legal Assets Newsletter

The Rise of an Uncorrelated Asset Class

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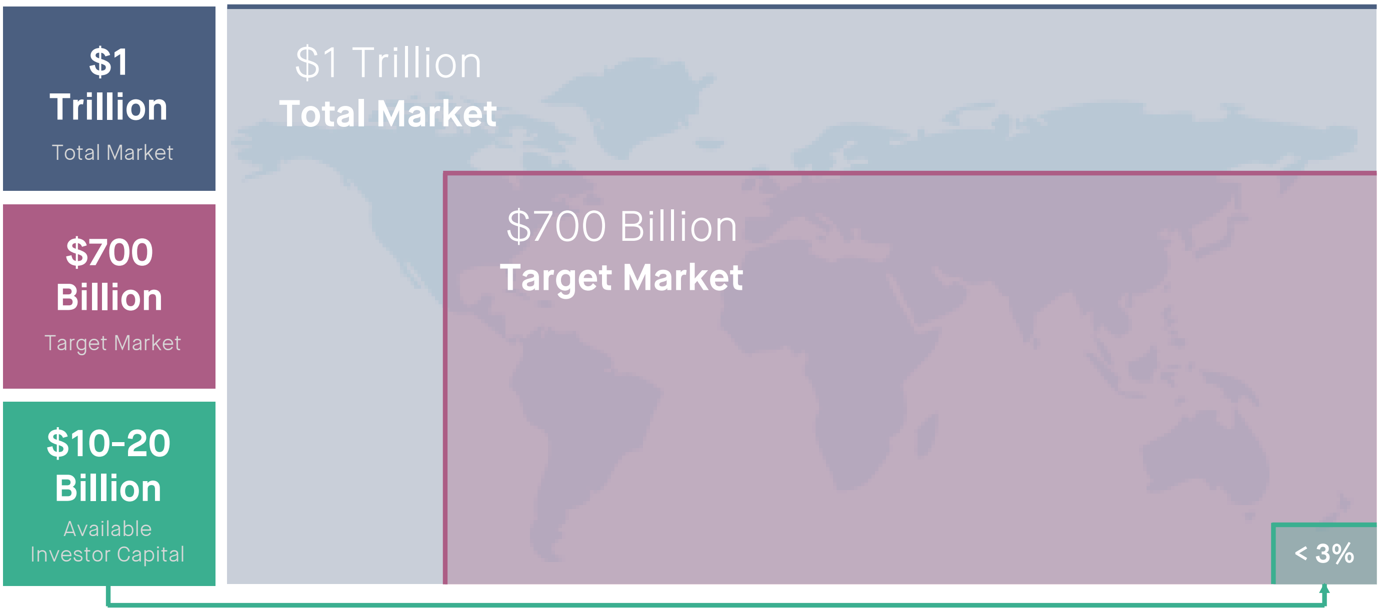
From Niche Market to Institutional Opportunity

The legal assets market has emerged as one of the most compelling areas in the world of alternative investing. Once niche, it is now fast-becoming a scalable, institutional-grade asset class driven by structural shifts in regulation, legal service economics, and shifting pools of capital.

The numbers speak for themselves. Within the legal assets world, litigation finance alone is projected to more than double over the coming decade to more than $40bn. This reflects a compound growth rate of approximately 9.6%. Meanwhile, the broader legal finance addressable universe is estimated to be close to $1tn. This is an opportunity set that is both significant and rapidly expanding.

The core investment case for legal assets is their fundamental independence from traditional market cycles. Unlike equities or credit, returns are driven by legal outcomes. These can be court judgments, settlements, and claims, which create a source of **uncorrelated returns**. The impact on an overall portfolio is increased resilience, particularly in volatile macro environments, and potential for lower drawdowns.

Figure 1: Litigation Finance: A Massively Untapped Market



Source: Syz Capital Estimates

Where Access to Justice Meets Institutional Returns

Democratizing Legal Access

Several forces are driving this growth. Regulatory frameworks in the main Anglo-Saxon regulatory sphere (UK, US, and Australia) have increasingly recognized the role of third-party funding in improving and democratizing access to justice, particularly in David-and-Goliath-style cases. At the same time, rising legal costs are pushing claimants, ranging from corporates to individuals, to seek external capital, enabling them to pursue valid claims without bearing upfront financial burden.

In parallel, banks have stepped back from more niche lending areas due to tighter capital requirements, creating a natural gap that private capital can fill.

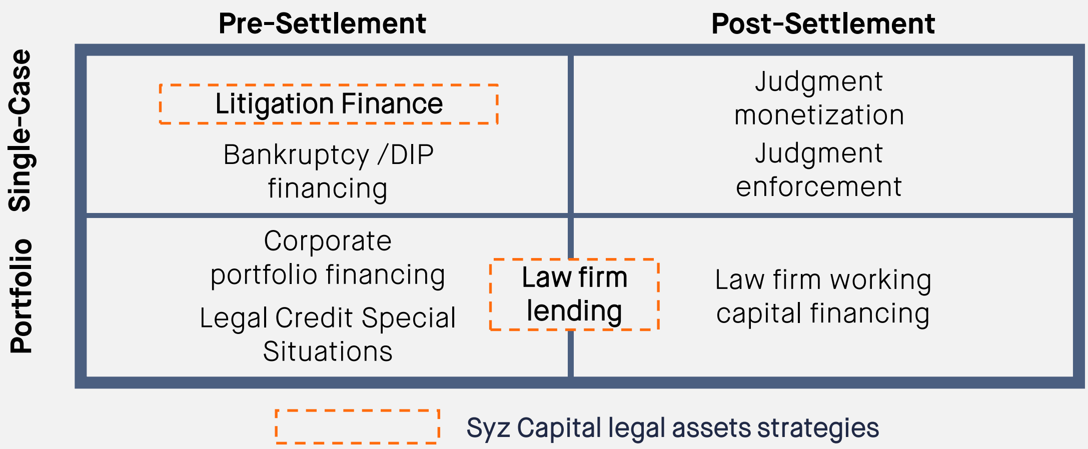
Within this rapidly changing landscape, two primary strategies define legal asset investing: litigation finance and law firm lending.

Litigation finance provides non-recourse capital to support legal claims. Investors fund legal costs in exchange for a share of the proceeds if the case succeeds. This creates a distinctly asymmetric return profile: the downside is limited to the invested capital, while the upside can be multiple times the initial investment.

Law firm lending, by contrast, offers a more income-oriented or bond-like approach. Capital is extended to firms with established litigation pipelines, secured against receivables from ongoing cases. These structures often include credit protections such as senior claims on cash flows, partner guarantees, and liquidity covenants. This strategy provides more predictable cash flows while still benefiting from the underlying growth in litigation activity.

Despite their attractiveness, legal assets are not without risk. Legal outcomes are inherently uncertain, and adverse judgments can result in total capital loss in litigation finance. This means operational and counterparty risks must also be carefully managed, particularly in law firm lending where financial discipline and pipeline quality are critical.

Figure 2: Legal Assets Strategy Framework



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A Specialist Approach to Legal Assets

Our Unique Edge

For investors willing to navigate this complexity, the rewards can be compelling. Legal assets offer a rare combination of yield and diversification potential. They also align increasingly with ESG considerations, in relation to the principle of equal access to justice, support for consumer rights, and enforcement of corporate accountability.

As the market matures, success will depend on specialization, rigorous underwriting, and institutional infrastructure. Our edge lies in providing unique access to high-quality deal flow, robust legal expertise, and active portfolio management. All of which are all crucial to unlocking the full potential of this asset class.

Ultimately, at Syz Capital, we are opening the door to a place most investors never get to visit, and doing it in a controlled, institutional way. This is what we have actively been doing for the last six years, beginning with litigation finance. And rather than chasing every opportunity, we are highly selective, backing only legal claims that show strong fundamentals and clear return potential. And what really sets us apart is long-standing relationships with law firms and originators; we see deals others simply don't.

Legal assets are an exciting and maturing asset class, offering something rare if you find the right investment partner: access to uniquely attractive return and income dynamics while providing truly **uncorrelated returns**.

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"With a $350m Legal Assets platform, Syz Capital offers investors access to something increasingly rare: attractive return potential, income generation and truly uncorrelated performance driven by legal outcomes rather than traditional market cycles."

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