



Kelly R. Rizzo

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Real Estate

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Kelly Rizzo focuses her practice on commercial real estate. She has represented a wide variety of clients in connection with property acquisitions and loan refinancing for multimillion-dollar transactions across all asset classes, but she specializes in commercial leasing, representing her clients in high-value lease negotiations. With her skillful background, she navigates complex transactions for both landlords and tenants, ensuring that all terms align with her clients' strategic business goals. Kelly excels in negotiating favorable lease terms, addressing risk management, and ensuring compliance with legal and regulatory standards.

Helping clients make informed decisions

Kelly believes in outlining the risks as well as providing critical recommendations to her clients throughout and beyond the real estate transaction. She has significant negotiating skills regarding landlord and tenant issues and has extensive experience reviewing confidentiality agreements.

Kelly is a current member and prior council secretary and communications chair for the Sports and Entertainment Law section of the North Carolina Bar Association. Since law school, she remains connected with seasoned sports and entertainment attorneys across the state.

Prior to joining Katten, Kelly worked for another firm as a real estate analyst working with joint ventures, preferred equity and mezzanine loan transactions.

News

- Katten Celebrates 25th Annual Pro Bono Service Awards (October 25, 2024)

Practices

- Real Estate
- Real Estate Development
- Real Estate Finance and Lending
- Real Estate Leasing Transactions

Education

- JD, The University of North Carolina School of Law
- BS, Clemson University, *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- North Carolina

Community Involvements

- American Bar Association
- Mecklenburg County Bar
- North Carolina Bar Association