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Anna-Liza Harris advises clients on tax issues related to asset-backed securitizations, residential and multifamily mortgage-backed securitizations, derivatives, and domestic and cross-border financing transactions. She is national co-chair of Katten's Structured Finance and Securitization practice and a partner in the Tax practice.

Designer of structured products

An important aspect of Anna-Liza's practice is designing innovative securitization structures. These include many "first of their kind" transactions that require both creativity and extensive market knowledge to develop. Anna-Liza has worked with a broad range of financial assets including distressed and non-performing debt, debt secured by esoteric assets, synthetics and debt issued in revolving structures.

Anna-Liza works with clients ranging from first-time issuers to frequent market participants. She counsels clients on the taxation of investment vehicles, including REMICs, grantor trusts and offshore funds. Anna-Liza also has experience with the tax concerns of private equity funds and hedge funds. She is a past chair and active member of the Structured Finance Association's (SFA's) Tax Policy Committee.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Securitization and Structured Finance Law, 2024–2025
- *Chambers Global*
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation: Tax, USA, Band One USA, 2021–2025
- *Chambers USA*
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation, 2017–2020
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation: Tax, Band One 2020–2025

Practices

- Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities
- Private Credit
- Real Estate Finance and Lending
- Structured Finance and Securitization
- Structured Products
- Transactional Tax Planning

Industries

- Finance and Financial Markets

Education

- JD, Georgetown University Law Center
- BSFS, Georgetown University

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia

Court Admissions

- US Tax Court
- US District Court, District of Columbia

Community Involvements

- American Bar Association, Taxation Section
- Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Taxation Section, Financial Products Committee
- Structured Finance Association, Tax Policy Committee and Legal Counsel Committee
- Structured Finance Foundation, Chair of the Board of Trustees

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- Structured Finance Industry Group
 - Reggie Imamura Award, 2018
- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Recommended Attorney, 2013–2025

News

- Katten Receives High Marks in the Legal 500 US 2025 Guide (June 11, 2025)
- *Chambers USA* 2025 Ranks Katten as Leading Law Firm (June 5, 2025)
- Katten's Leading Structured Finance Team Adds Karen Anzalone (May 05, 2025)
- Katten Scores High Marks in *Chambers Global 2025 Guide* (February 13, 2025)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized as *Best Lawyers®* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®* Award Recipients (August 15, 2024)
- Katten Highly Ranked in Legal 500 United States 2024 (June 12, 2024)
- Katten Receives High Marks in *Chambers USA* Guide 2024 (June 6, 2024)
- Katten Ranked as Leader in *Chambers Global Guide* 2024 (February 15, 2024)
- Katten's Structured Finance and Securitization Practice has a Strong Showing on *Asset-Backed Alert* 2023 League Tables (January 23, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers®* (August 17, 2023)
- Katten Lauded in The Legal 500 United States 2023 (June 9, 2023)
- Katten Boosts Rankings in *Chambers USA Guide* 2023 (June 1, 2023)
- Katten Lauded in *Chambers Global Guide* 2023 (February 16, 2023)
- Katten Awarded Top Ranking in Structured Finance: Securitization in The Legal 500 United States 2022 (June 8, 2022)
- Katten Ranked Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2022 (June 1, 2022)

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- Katten Receives Top Billing by *Chambers Global* in Banking & Finance, Bankruptcy, Derivatives, Hedge Funds and Securitisation (February 17, 2022)
- Katten's Claudine Chen-Young to Head Women in Securitization (January 25, 2022)
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource Center (November 10, 2021)
- Katten Receives High Marks in Derivatives, M&A and Securitization in The Legal 500 United States 2021 Guide (June 10, 2021)
- Katten Boosts Rankings in *Chambers USA* 2021 (May 20, 2021)
- Katten Partner Anna-Liza Harris Named Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Structured Finance Foundation (April 28, 2021)
- Katten Praised by *Chambers Global* in Banking & Finance, Derivatives, Hedge Funds and Securitisation (February 19, 2021)
- Anna-Liza Harris Talks TALF Relief With *Alt Credit* (May 26, 2020)
- Katten Rated Top Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2020 (April 23, 2020)
- [Anna-Liza Harris Selected for Structured Finance Association Executive Committee](#) (October 17, 2019)
- Katten Praised in The Legal 500 United States 2019 Guide (June 11, 2019)
- Katten Lauded Top Ranked Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2019 (April 25, 2019)
- Katten Forms Federal Opportunity Zone Working Group (October 12, 2018)
- Katten Participates in Ford's Global Day of Service (September 27, 2018)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* (June 14, 2018)
- Katten Boosts Structured Finance and Securitization Practice with New Finance Partner in New York (June 6, 2018)
- Katten Rated as Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2018 (May 3, 2018)
- Anna-Liza Harris Honored With SFIG 2018 Reggie Imamura Award for Outstanding Contribution to Women in Securitization (January 22, 2018)
- Katten Adds Claudine Chen-Young to Structured Finance and Securitization Team (September 18, 2017)
- Anna-Liza Harris Named to SFIG Board of Directors (July 19, 2017)

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- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* 2017 (May 31, 2017)
- Katten Recognized as Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2017 (May 30, 2017)
- Anna-Liza Harris Featured at Women in Securitization Event (December 9, 2016)
- The *Commercial Observer* Profiles Partner Anna-Liza Harris (September 7, 2016)
- Eighteen Katten Practices and 70 Attorneys Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* 2016 (June 17, 2016)
- Eight Katten Practices and Forty-Two Attorneys Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* 2014 (July 3, 2014)
- Anna-Liza Harris, Co-Head of the Structured Finance and Securitization Practice, Quoted in *Asset Securitization Report* Regarding Global Trade Finance Securitizations (May 5, 2014)
- Anna-Liza Harris, Co-head of the Structured Finance and Securitization Practice, Comments on Cross-Border Securitizations in *Asset Securitization Report* (January 27, 2014)
- Katten's Work on the Goethals Bridge Replacement Project Highlighted (November 8, 2013)
- Katten Is Number One Issuer Counsel in Structured Finance (July 15, 2013)
- Six Katten Practices and Twenty-Four Attorneys Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* 2013 (June 4, 2013)
- Katten Welcomes Prominent Structured Finance Group (November 2, 2010)

Publications

- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 21 (January 2025)
- US Treasury and IRS Unveil Proposed Regulations for Commercial EV Tax Credit, Sparking Questions on Recapture Provisions (January 21, 2025)
- US Treasury Releases Final Regulations for \$7,500 EV Tax Credit, Maintains Exclusions for Foreign Entities of Concern (May 3, 2024)
- Electric Vehicle Tax Credits: An Update | *Pratt's Energy Law Report* (May 2024)

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- Third Circuit Says Statutory Trusts are 'Covered Persons' Under Consumer Financial Protection Act (March 22, 2024)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 11 (February 2024)
- Updates on EV Tax Credits (February 26, 2024)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 2 (May 2023)
- Treasury and IRS Release Proposed Regulations on Consumer Electric Vehicle Tax Credits (April 10, 2023)
- Financial Markets and Funds Quick Take | Issue 11 (February 21, 2023)
- SEC Delays Enforcement of Rule 15c2-11 Compliance (January 31, 2023)
- Treasury Releases Guidance on Electric Vehicle Tax Credits (January 3, 2023)
- IRS Issues Guidance on "Qualified Manufacturer" Requirements for New Electric Vehicle Tax Credits (December 20, 2022)
- California Court of Appeal Ruling Limits Application of Default Interest (November 8, 2022)
- SCOTUS Ruling in FHFA Case: Unintended Consequences All Around (June 20, 2021)
- Structured Finance Year in Review and the Outlook for 2021 | Key Takeaways (December 23, 2020)
- New IRS Guidance on Forbearances and Modifications of Mortgage Loans as a Result of COVID-19 (April 14, 2020)
- The CARES Act Stimulus Bill: Tax Changes to Improve Liquidity for Businesses, Assist Employers and Stimulate the Economy (April 6, 2020)
- Additional Proposed Regulations Issued Regarding Opportunity Zones (April 23, 2019)
- Qualified Opportunity Zone Proposed Regulations Q&As (October 22, 2018)
- Are You Ready for the New Partnership Audit Regime? (July 12, 2018)
- New Partnership Audit Regime Set to Take Effect in 2018, Proactive Planning Recommended (August 7, 2017)
- IRS Issues New FATCA Regulations (February 21, 2014)

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- Treasury Issues Proposed Regulations Treating CDS as NPCs (September 29, 2011)

Presentations and Events

- MFA Tax Forum (December 15, 2021) | *Presenter*
- SFIG Vegas 2019 (February 24–27, 2019) | *Participant* | *Law Firm of the Future: Successfully Managing the Modern Practice*
- 24th Annual ABS East Conference (September 23–25, 2018) | *Participant* | *Women's Networking Breakfast*
- Flying Private: Owning, Operating and Financing Corporate Aircraft (October 19, 2017) | *Presenter*
- Flying Private: Owning, Leasing, Sharing and Financing Corporate Aircraft (October 6, 2016) | *Presenter*
- Flying Private: Owning, Leasing, Sharing and Financing Corporate Aircraft (March 16, 2016) | *Presenter*
- ABS Vegas 2016 (February 28–March 2, 2016) | *Panelist* | *Women in Securitization*
- 21st Annual ABS East (September 16–18, 2015) | *Panelist* | *Women in Securitization*
- The 20th Annual ABS East Conference (September 21–23, 2014) | *Panelist* | *Key Accounting and Tax Developments and How They Will Affect the ABS Market*
- The Structured Finance Industry Group's Conference – ABS Vegas 2014 (January 21–24, 2014) | *Panelist* | *Global Trade and Commodity Finance: The Next Emerging Securitization Asset Class?*
- The 19th Annual ABS East Conference (October 6–8, 2013) | *Panelist* | *Key Accounting and Tax Developments and How They Will Affect the ABS Market*