

# Saul E. Rudo

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## Practices

FOCUS: Transactional Tax Planning  
Corporate  
Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation  
Entrepreneurial Ventures  
Executive Compensation and Employee Benefits in Corporate Transactions  
Health Care Services Private Equity  
Health Care Transactions  
Independent Sponsors  
International  
Investment Management and Funds  
Mergers and Acquisitions  
Private Equity

## Industries

Education  
Education Private Equity  
Family Offices  
Manufacturing and Industrials Private Equity  
Private Client Services  
Technology

## Education

JD, Harvard Law School  
BS, University of Illinois

## Bar Admissions

Illinois  
Florida

## Community Involvements

First Bank of Highland Park, Board of Directors, Observer  
Gastro-Intestinal Research Foundation,

When middle-market businesses, private equity firms or family offices structure mergers, acquisitions, dispositions, spinoffs, investments and management compensation agreements, their leaders call Saul Rudo. While Saul leads teams to efficiently and effectively get to closings, he focuses on the future as much as the present, designing deals that keep his clients in optimal after-tax positions for years to come.

## A direct line to efficient solutions

As the lead attorney on most of his matters, Saul offers his clients direct access to his structuring and "market" advice, without engaging in a game of "telephone" through layers of attorneys. Given his vast experience in the field, Saul delivers suggestions that are practical and "market" in nature, and that solve issues efficiently for all parties. As a result, his deals advance steadily toward closing.

Saul represents middle-market private equity firms, family offices and closely held businesses typically of up to \$1 billion in value. In addition to his extensive M&A work, Saul advises on the business structuring and tax implications of venture capital and start-up transactions, management compensation arrangements, fund formations, and the establishment and operation of family offices. Clients appreciate his service, with one noting that Saul "is very practical" and "gets over difficult tax issues in economical ways" (*Chambers USA 2022*).

Regularly ranked among leading tax attorneys in the United States, Saul has been consistently featured in *Best Lawyers in America*, *Chambers USA* and *The Legal 500*. Saul's clients value his deep knowledge and extensive experience. As one client shared, "I work primarily with Saul Rudo from Katten, who is outstanding in all categories, and I considered him to be one of the most sophisticated and reasonable attorneys I have worked with" (*U.S. News – Best Lawyers® 2022 "Best Law Firms"*).

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OSI Group, LLC, Board of Directors

University of Illinois Commerce Department,  
Alumni Association Board

**“Saul Rudo is unsurpassed as an advisor on M&A and tax structuring transactions, possesses technical depth and is a superior listener. You will never be underserved in a difficult negotiation with Saul on your team.” “Our lead partner, Saul Rudo, is a true national expert on tax and transaction work. Saul is responsive and available around the clock which is critical in executing a successful deal.”**

*- The Legal 500 United States 2022  
(US Taxes) survey responses*

## Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Tax Law, 2010–2024
- *Chambers USA*
  - Tax, 2010–2023
- *Leading Lawyers Network*
  - 2004–2024
- *Super Lawyers*
  - Illinois, 2006–2009, 2018–2020
- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Recommended Attorney, 2013–2023

## News

- Katten Represented Pinstripes in Combination With Banyan Acquisition Corporation (January 12, 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 Expands Employee Benefits Practice With New ERISA Partner (February 9, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® (August 18, 2022)
- *Bloomberg Tax* Shines Spotlight on Saul Rudo's Practice, Personal Interests (June 22, 2022)
- 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)
- Katten Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (August 19, 2021)