

Mark S. Solomon

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Practices

FOCUS: Corporate

Corporate Governance

Distressed Debt and Claims Trading

Entrepreneurial Ventures

Government and Public Finance

Mergers and Acquisitions

Private Equity

Private Equity and Real Estate Fund Formation

Real Estate Acquisitions, Dispositions and Joint Ventures

Industries

Family Offices

Technology

Education

JD, The George Washington University Law School, *with honors*

BA, Franklin & Marshall College

Bar Admissions

Texas

New York

Community Involvements

Attorneys Serving the Community, Honorary Co-Chair

Dallas Bar Association

American Bar Association

When private equity firms and business owners need an attorney who can command the respect of a room and cut through roadblocks to achieve their goals, they call on Mark Solomon. Mark, managing partner of Katten's Dallas office, immerses himself in his client's businesses, treats their problems as his own and leads transactions to the finish line. His clients are his partners and his familiarity with his client's goals and operations keeps him one step ahead of the competition.

No learning curve required

Mark and his team don't need a learning curve, which gives his clients an advantage in the fast-paced world of M&A. Clients rely on him to negotiate effectively to get optimal pricing and terms, and they appreciate his personal touch on matters large and small. He also handles securities and corporate finance work for businesses of all sizes, including public companies.

As managing partner of Katten's Dallas office and former national managing partner and CEO of an AmLaw 100 firm, Mark is a business lawyer who understands the needs of his clients. He has been on both sides of the table and understands the unique business environment of North Texas, while representing clients with operations all over the world. His personal relationships with leaders throughout the community give him further insights into relevant business forces in the region and beyond.

Recognitions

- *Chambers USA*
 - Corporate/M&A, 2018–2020

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"Mark Solomon concentrates on transactional matters, working with clients such as public companies and private equity firms. Clients say he is 'available 24/7, highly responsive and entrepreneurial' and appreciate his 'get-it-done mentality.'"

- Chambers USA 2019
(Texas, Corporate/M&A)
survey response

- *D* CEO Mergers & Acquisitions Awards
 - Finalist, 2017–2018
- *D Magazine*
 - Best Lawyers in Dallas, 2011–2018, 2020
 - Dallas 500, 2017–2018
- Super Lawyers
 - Texas, 2007–2020
- *Texas Lawyer*
 - Texas Trailblazer, 2020
- The Legal 500 United States
 - Recommended Attorney, 2012, 2016–2017, 2019
- *The Texas Lawbook*
 - #6 Lead Lawyer in Texas M&A (by deal count), Full Year 2016
 - #4 Lead Lawyer in Texas M&A (by deal count), Q1-Q3 2016

News

- Mark Solomon Named to *Dallas 500* as Among the Most Powerful Business Leaders in North Texas (November 24, 2020)
- Katten Dallas Office Designated Among Best Places to Work (October 21, 2020)
- Katten Attorneys Selected for 2020 Texas Super Lawyers List (October 19, 2020)
- Mark Solomon Named 2020 Texas Trailblazer by *The Texas Lawyer* (October 6, 2020)
- Media Buzz Surrounds Dallas Litigator Michael Gaston-Bell (July 1, 2020)

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- Innovative Design Aids Dallas Office in Creating a Healthy Work Environment (June 26, 2020)
- National and Trade Media Laud Erin England's Arrival at Katten (June 19, 2020)
- Katten's New State-of-the-Art Dallas Office Creates More Modern, Healthy Work Environment (June 8, 2020)
- Katten Taps Erin England to Grow Commercial Finance Practice in Expanding Dallas Office (June 1, 2020)
- *D Magazine* Names Katten Partners to Best Lawyers in Dallas List (April 30, 2020)
- Katten Rated Top Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2020 (April 23, 2020)
- Mark Solomon on Applying 'Force Majeure' Clauses in Mergers and Acquisition Deals (April 21, 2020)
- Mark Solomon Talks Whether Companies Will Invoke Material Adverse Effect Provisions in Wake of Coronavirus (April 2, 2020)
- Mark Solomon Talks Mergers & Acquisitions in 2019 and the Impact of COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2020 Texas Rising Stars List by Super Lawyers (March 6, 2020)
- Mark Solomon and Victor Zanetti guide retailers and banks on navigating gift card regulations for *Bloomberg Law* (October 10, 2019)
- Katten Attorneys Chosen for 2019 Texas Super Lawyers List (September 3, 2019)
- Katten represents Highlander Partners in purchase of top pork rind producer (August 8, 2019)
- Mark Solomon Explains How Law Firms and Attorneys Can Prepare for a Recession (June 20, 2019)
- Katten Praised in The Legal 500 United States 2019 Guide (June 11, 2019)

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- Mark Solomon Comments on the Growing Role of Insurance in Dallas Deals (May 10, 2019)
- Katten Lauded Top Ranked Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2019 (April 25, 2019)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2019 Texas Rising Stars List by Super Lawyers (March 12, 2019)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2018 Texas *Super Lawyers* List (September 6, 2018)
- Katten Represents Highlander Partners in Candy Company Purchase (July 24, 2018)
- Katten Adds Litigator Kelly Hine to its Growing Dallas Office (June 25, 2018)
- Katten Adds Former Federal Judge, Top Corporate, Litigation Talent in Dallas (May 9, 2018)
- Newest Members of Katten's Dallas Office Featured in *Texas Lawyer* and *The Texas Lawbook* (May 9, 2018)
- Katten Rated as Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2018 (May 3, 2018)
- Mark Solomon Comments on Navigating Uncertain Markets for PE Clients (March 23, 2018)
- Mark Solomon Quoted in Law360 on the Future of the Prosperous PE Fundraising Environment (March 22, 2018)
- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2018 Texas Rising Stars List by Super Lawyers (March 13, 2018)
- Katten Brings on IP Partner to Assist New Dallas Corporate Team (March 1, 2018)
- New Katten Dallas Office, Corporate Partners Garner Media Attention (February 7, 2018)
- Katten Launches New Dallas Office with Corporate Heavyweights (February 5, 2018)

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Presentations and Events

- 16th Annual Mergers and Acquisitions Institute (October 7–9, 2020) | *Moderator | Trending Topics in Indemnification in Uninsured M&A*
- 15th Annual Mergers and Acquisitions Institute (October 10–11, 2019) | *Moderator | Trending Topics in Indemnification*
- The Texas Lawbook M&A CLE (October 2, 2019) | *Panelist*
- Dallas Bar Association's Presidential Breakfast Series (September 18, 2019)
- Texas Opportunity Zones Summit (April 9, 2019) | *Co-Presenter | The OZ Breakdown: How You Can Reap the Benefits*
- USI M&A Panel: Overcoming Deal Roadblocks (February 12, 2019) | *Panelist*
- From Passive to Active: Family Offices as Investors in Private Equity (January 17, 2019) | *Speaker*
- 14th Annual Mergers and Acquisitions Institute (October 4–5, 2018) | *Participant | Trending Issues in Negotiation of Indemnification Provisions*
- 13th Annual University of Texas School of Law Mergers and Acquisitions Law Institute (October 2017) | *Trending Issues in Negotiation of Indemnification Provisions*
- ACC-DFW Annual Corporate Counsel Symposium (May 2017) | *Top 10 Hot Issues in Every M&A Transaction*
- 21st Annual Corporate Counsel Symposium, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law (March 2017) | *5 Things that Should be in Every Merger & Acquisition Agreement*
- 12th Annual University of Texas School of Law Mergers and Acquisitions Law Institute (October 2016) | *Trending Issues in Negotiation of Indemnification Provisions*

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- 11th Annual University of Texas School of Law Mergers and Acquisitions Law Institute (October 2015) | *Maximizing Seller Leverage*
- 10th Annual University of Texas School of Law Mergers and Acquisitions Law Institute (October 2014) | *Maximizing Seller Leverage*
- Introduction to Sports Law, New York State Bar Association (September 2012) | *The Sports Lawyer*