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Practices

FOCUS: Structured Finance and Securitization

Education

JD, Yale Law School

MM, The Juilliard School

BM, Manhattan School of Music

Bar Admissions

New York

"He is a very nuanced thinker who provides practical solutions to complex issues."

- *Chambers USA 2023*
(*USA Nationwide, Capital Markets: Securitization: CMBS*) survey response

Recognized as a leading lawyer in the Structured Finance: Securitizations category by *The Legal 500 US*, Stephen Esko advises clients on all aspects of asset-backed and mortgage-backed securitizations.

A creative problem-solver with a client-first approach

Stephen's experience encompasses a wide range of structured finance transactions, including issuer and underwriter representation in public and private securitizations, asset sales and financings, structured note issuances and credit derivatives work. Clients recognize him as someone they can trust, stating, "He is very thoughtful, very smart and works with you to become your partner in resolving whatever is on the table." (*Chambers USA 2022*). Stephen works with government-sponsored enterprises, banks, lenders, broker-dealers and mortgage loan servicers.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Recommended Attorney, 2014–2018, 2020–2022
- *Chambers USA*
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation CMBS, 2021–2023
- *Chambers Global*
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation: CMBS, 2022–2024

News

- Katten Ranked as Leader in *Chambers Global Guide 2024* (February 15, 2024)
- 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