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Practices

FOCUS: Government and Public Finance
Structured Finance and Securitization
Structured Products

Industries

Health Care Transactions
Health Care Tax Exempt
Health Care Finance

Education

JD, Washington University School of Law
BA, Northwestern University

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Community Involvements

EverThrive Illinois, General Counsel
National Association of Bond Lawyers
Women in Public Finance

In Memoriam

The Katten community is heartbroken by the loss of our friend and colleague Renee M. Friedman, who passed away on Saturday, August 6, 2022. Renee was a respected advocate for her clients and champion for social justice.

Renee spent her entire legal career working with the same group of attorneys, beginning with the municipal finance firm Borge and Pitt, which merged with Katten in 1987. Most recently, she was senior counsel in the Government and Public Finance Group, where she focused on municipal bonds to finance health care systems, cities, school districts, municipal utilities and nonprofit institutions. Her work supported the building of a cathedral in Oakland, a wind farm in Minnesota, a cardiology hospital in Wisconsin and children's museums in Illinois.

After graduating from Northwestern University, Renee earned her law degree from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis. There she edited the *Urban Law Annual* in 1980.

Throughout her career, Renee actively supported social justice organizations, particularly those with a focus on women and children. She was a longtime board member of EverThrive (Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition). At Katten, Renee supported Girls in the Game, an organization that seeks to empower young women through engagement in sports. In addition, she advocated for her synagogue, B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, to become an early member of United Power for Action and Justice.

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Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- Leading Lawyers Network
 - Leading Lawyer, 2022
 - Top 100 Women Real Estate-Related Lawyers, 2015

News

- Partner Renee Friedman Quoted in *The Bond Buyer* on Smart Swaps for Hospitals (October 31, 2007)

Publications

- Municipal Advisors and "Bank Purchase" Bonds: What's All the Commotion About? (April 23, 2015)
- The SEC's MCDC Initiative: Where To Go From Here (October 14, 2014)
- The SEC's Heightened Scrutiny of Broker-Dealer Municipal Securities Underwriting and Public Entity Sales Practices (February 29, 2012)
- Lehman Seeks to Establish Expedited Procedures for Assumption, Assignment and Termination of Derivative Contracts (November 17, 2008)

Presentations and Events

- Council of Development Finance Agencies—Illinois Roundtable (May 1, 2017) | *Panelist* | *Latest Developments in the Illinois Bond Market*

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- Council of Development Finance Agencies—Illinois Roundtable (May 18, 2016) | *Presenter* | *SEC & IRS Enforcement in the Municipal Bond Market*
- Mastering Disclosure in a Post-MCDC World: Hot Topics in SEC and IRS Bond Enforcement (July 14, 2015) | *Panelist*
- Council of Development Finance Agencies—Illinois Roundtable (May 12, 2015) | *Panelist* | *Post-Issuance Compliance With SEC and IRS Bond Requirements*
- 8th Annual Nonprofit Hospital Finance Conference (October 29–30, 2007) | *Panelist* | *Turning the Tables: Assessing Your Exposure to Banks*
- 31st Bond Attorneys' Workshop (October 4–6, 2006) | *Panelist*