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Practices

FOCUS: Structured Finance and Securitization

Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities

Private Credit

Real Estate Finance and Lending

Structured Products

Transactional Tax Planning

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.

Industries

Finance and Financial Markets

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.

Education

JD, Georgetown University Law Center

BSFS, Georgetown University

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 of the Structured Finance Association's (SFA's) Tax Policy Committee and is a member of the SFA's Executive Committee.

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, Executive Committee, Board of Directors; Tax Policy Committee

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Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Chambers Global*
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation
 - USA, 2021
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation: Tax
 - USA, 2021
- *Chambers USA*
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation, 2017–2020
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation: Tax, 2017, 2020–2021
- Structured Finance Industry Group
 - Reggie Imamura Award, 2018
- The Legal 500 United States
 - Recommended Attorney, 2013–2021

News

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource Center (August 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)

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- Katten Named Top-Tier Firm in Structured Finance and Securitization by The Legal 500 United States 2020 Guide (June 16, 2020)
- 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)
- 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)

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- 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)
- Nine Katten Practices and 42 Attorneys Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* 2015 (June 3, 2015)
- 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

- 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)

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

Presentations and Events

- 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*
- SFIG Vegas 2018 (February 25–28, 2018) | *Panelist* | *Tax Reform*
- 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*

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- 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*