

# Alvin Katz

## Partner

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### Practices

FOCUS: Real Estate

Corporate

Private Equity

Private Equity and Real Estate Fund Formation

Real Estate Acquisitions, Dispositions and Joint Ventures

### Industries

Construction

Family Offices

Hospitality

Manufacturing and Industrials Private Equity

### Education

JD, Stanford University Law School

BA, University of Michigan, *with high distinction and honors*

### Bar Admissions

Illinois

### Memberships

American College of Real Estate Lawyers

Chicago Architecture Foundation, Trustee

Economic Club of Chicago

Illinois Institute of Technology College of Architecture, Board of Overseers

Lambda Alpha International, Ely Chapter

Lawyers for the Creative Arts, Director

Pension Real Estate Association

Ravinia Festival, Annual Fund Committee

Stanford Law School, Board of Visitors

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Lawyers Committee

Described as "an absolutely first-class lawyer" with "tremendous expertise in fund formation and joint ventures" by industry publications such as *The Legal 500 US*, Alvin Katz has been helping real estate investors and developers close their most important deals for more than 40 years.

### "Outstanding . . . as good as it gets"

Alvin is consistently ranked in the top tier of Chicago real estate lawyers by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, which quotes clients praising his "exceptional intelligence" and describe him as "a really good lawyer with great business sense," "[f]antastic . . . stellar at explaining key points during transactions . . . a go to lawyer who is at the top of his game" and "a smart and sophisticated attorney who absolutely deserves his top-tier ranking" whose "experience is nearly unparalleled." Alvin is a frequent speaker at real estate industry conferences and continuing education programs for lawyers and real estate professionals. In recognition of his accomplishments in real estate law, he has been selected for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers.

### Recognized By

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Real Estate Law, 2006–2020
- *Chambers USA*
  - Top Ranked, 2004–2019
- *Guide to the World's Leading Real Estate Lawyers*
- *The International Who's Who of Real Estate Lawyers*
  - 2014

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Urban Land Institute

- Leading Lawyers Network
  - 2003–2013
  - Top 100 Real Estate-Related Lawyers, 2015
- The Legal 500 United States
  - Recommended Attorney, 2010–2016
- Super Lawyers
  - Illinois, 2005–2019
- *Who's Who Legal*
  - Real Estate, 2017

## News

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- Katten Lauded Top Ranked Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2019 (April 25, 2019)
- Super Lawyers Lists Honor More Than 50 Katten Attorneys in Illinois (January 24, 2019)
- Katten Rated as Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2018 (May 3, 2018)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2018 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 25, 2018)
- Katten Recognized as Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2017 (May 30, 2017)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2017 Illinois *Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars Lists (January 13, 2017)
- 79 Katten Attorneys Selected for *Best Lawyers in America*® 2017 (August 15, 2016)
- Eighteen Katten Practices and 70 Attorneys Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* 2016 (June 17, 2016)

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- *Chambers USA* 2016 Distinguishes 22 Katten Practices and 50 Attorneys (May 27, 2016)
- Forty-Seven Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2016 Illinois *Super Lawyers* List (January 8, 2016)
- Alvin Katz Quoted in Law360 on Top Trends in Chicago Real Estate (September 22, 2015)
- 91 Katten Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2016 (August 17, 2015)
- Nine Katten Practices and 42 Attorneys Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* 2015 (June 3, 2015)
- Katten Attains 22 Practice and 58 Attorney Rankings by *Chambers USA* 2015 (May 20, 2015)
- Fifty-Three Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2015 Illinois *Super Lawyers* List (January 12, 2015)
- 85 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2015 (August 18, 2014)
- Eight Katten Practices and Forty-Two Attorneys Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* 2014 (July 3, 2014)
- *Chambers USA* 2014 Distinguishes 24 Katten Practices and 54 Attorneys (May 23, 2014)
- Fifty-Four Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2014 Illinois *Super Lawyers* List (January 13, 2014)
- 83 Katten Attorneys Lauded in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2014 (August 15, 2013)
- Six Katten Practices and Twenty-Four Attorneys Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* 2013 (June 4, 2013)
- *Chambers USA* 2013 Recognizes 24 Katten Practices and 49 Attorneys (May 24, 2013)
- Sixty-Nine Katten Attorneys Included on 2013 Illinois *Super Lawyers* List (January 4, 2013)

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- 80 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2013 Guide (August 24, 2012)
- *Chambers USA* 2012 Distinguishes 19 Katten Practices and 45 Attorneys (June 7, 2012)
- Eighty-Six Katten Attorneys Named 2012 Illinois Super Lawyers (February 28, 2012)
- 75 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2012 Guide (September 12, 2011)
- Five Katten Practices Recognized by *Legal 500* in 2011 US Edition (June 16, 2011)
- Katten Earns Recognition for 17 Practices and 44 Attorneys in 2011 *Chambers USA* Guide (June 10, 2011)
- Katten Represents Tishman Speyer, Pritzker Realty Group in High-Profile Real Estate Transactions (February 2011)
- Katten Welcomes Alvin Katz as Chicago-Based Real Estate Partner (July 19, 2010)

## Presentations and Events

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- 14th Annual Winter Forum on Real Estate Opportunity & Private Fund Investing (January 18–20, 2017) | *Moderator* | *The Bulls Vs. the Bears – Investing in CRE in 2017: Large Fund Panel*
- 13th Annual Winter Forum On Real Estate Opportunity & Private Fund Investing (January 20–22, 2016) | *Moderator* | *Large Fund Plenary*
- Law Seminars International, Fifth Annual Conference on Commercial Real Estate Leases (October 6–7, 2014) | *Panelist* | *Negotiating Leases in an Improving Economic Environment*

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- 11th Annual Winter Forum on Real Estate Opportunity & Private Fund Investing presented by Information Management Network (January 22–24, 2014) | *Moderator* | *Large Fund Plenary: How To Look At Deals In the Current Climate*
- A Comprehensive Two-Day Conference on Commercial Real Estate Leases (September 16–17, 2013) | *Presenter* | *Updating Your Tactical Play Book: The Current 10 Most Hotly Contested Issues*
- Making Outsized Returns in an Illiquid Asset Class, US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum presented by Information Management Network (January 2013)
- Looking to Core and Core-Plus Assets, US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum presented by Information Management Network (May 2012)
- Increasing Deal Flow in an Evolving and Challenging Climate, US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum presented by Information Management Network (January 2012)
- Exiting the Joint Venture, The American College of Real Estate Lawyers Fall Meeting (October 2011)
- Strategies for Fund Investing Today, US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum presented by Information Management Network (June 2011)
- Positioning for Opportunities in 2011, US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum presented by Information Management Network (January 2011)
- Where Are the Outsized Returns Today?, US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum presented by Information Management Network (June 2010)
- How Does the Fund Model Need to Evolve?, US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum presented by Information Management Network (January 2010)

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- Updating Your Playbook for Negotiating Key Lease Provisions, Advanced Commercial Real Estate Leasing Conference presented by Law Seminars International (November 2009)
- What Will It Take to Get Back in the Market?, US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum presented by Information Management Network (June 2009)
- Making Money in a Recessionary Environment, US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum presented by Information Management Network (January 2009)
- US Residential Distress: On Sale or Too Risky?, European Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum presented by Information Management Network (October 2008)
- Negotiating Key Lease Provisions, Advanced Commercial Real Estate Leasing Conference presented by Law Seminars International (September 2008)
- Two Heads Are Better Than One: Evaluating Joint Ventures for Distressed Assets, Symposium on Distressed Real Estate presented by Information Management Network (July 2008)
- Navigating the World of Uncertainty, US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum presented by Information Management Network (May 2008)
- The Dance of Negotiation, Advanced Real Estate Purchases and Sales Conference presented by Law Seminars International (March 2008)
- Outlook for Opportunistic Investing, US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum presented by Information Management Network (January 2008)
- Fund Sponsors Strategy Roundtable, US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum presented by Information Management Network (May 2007)
- Fund Sponsors Investment Strategy Roundtable, US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum presented by Information Management Network (January 2007)

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- Negotiating Key Lease Provisions, Advanced Commercial Real Estate Leasing Conference presented by Law Seminars International (September 2006)
- Evaluating Joint Venture Options, US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum presented by Information Management Network (July 2006)
- Where Are Your Investments on the Return Scale?, US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum presented by Information Management Network (January 2006)
- Joint Ventures: Exploring the Keys to Successful Partnerships, US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum presented by Information Management Network (June 2005)
- What Is Your Investment Strategy?, Forum on Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing presented by Information Management Network (January 2005)
- Structuring Successful Joint Ventures, Real Estate Opportunity Fund Forum presented by Information Management Network (June 2004)
- Structuring the Joint Venture Investment, Institutional Real Estate Investment Forum presented by Strategic Research Institute (January 2004)
- Structuring Real Estate Investments Under ERISA, for the National Council of Real Estate Investment Fiduciaries (2003)
- Negotiating Commercial Leases: How Owners and Corporate Occupants Can Avoid Costly Errors, presented by Practising Law Institute (2003)
- Negotiating the Anchor Tenant Lease, presented by the Chicago Bar Association (2003)