

Lawrence D. Levin

Partner

Chicago Office

+1.312.902.5654

lawrence.levin@katten.com



Practices

FOCUS: Corporate Securities

Corporate

Corporate Governance

Executive Compensation and Employee Benefits in Corporate Transactions

Mergers and Acquisitions

Private Equity

Industries

Education

Education Private Equity

Finance and Financial Markets

Manufacturing and Industrials Private Equity

Technology

Education

JD, University of Illinois College of Law

BS, University of Illinois

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

US District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Community Involvements

American Bar Association

Society for Corporate Governance

The Chicago Bar Association

Lawrence Levin primarily represents public companies, private companies and investment banks on a wide range of regulatory, transactional and general corporate matters. He is the co-head of Katten's Corporate Securities practice in Chicago.

Advising public and private companies

Larry primarily advises publicly traded issuers on day-to-day federal securities law disclosure and compliance matters and board corporate governance. He also represents issuers and underwriters in offerings of equity, debt, Rule 144A high-yield offerings and related registered exchange offerings, and PIPE transactions. Larry also represents buyers and sellers in public and private acquisitions and divestitures of stock and assets.

Larry's clients span a variety of industries, including manufacturing, technology, educational services, financial services and investment banking. Before law school, he worked as a certified public accountant at an international public accounting firm.

He is the co-author of the "2014 Handbook for Preparing SEC Annual Reports and Proxy Statements" (Wolters Kluwer Law & Business, 13th ed.).

Recognitions

- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Securities/Capital Markets Law | Securities Regulation, 2010–2020
 - Lawyer of the Year
 - Securities/Capital Markets Law, Chicago, 2018, 2020
 - Securities Regulation, Chicago, 2017

Lawrence D. Levin

Partner

News

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource Center (May 26, 2020)
- 79 Katten Attorneys Selected for *Best Lawyers in America*® 2017 (August 15, 2016)
- 91 Katten Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2016 (August 17, 2015)
- 85 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2015 (August 18, 2014)
- 83 Katten Attorneys Lauded in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2014 (August 15, 2013)
- 80 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2013 Guide (August 24, 2012)
- Katten Partners Contribute to NIRI's "Standards of Practice for Investor Relations Vol. III – Disclosure" (April 24, 2012)
- 75 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2012 Guide (September 12, 2011)
- 70 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2011 (August 9, 2010)
- 66 Katten Attorneys Named to 2010 List of *Best Lawyers in America*® (August 5, 2009)

Publications

- *Corporate & Financial Weekly Digest* (Weekly) | Author
- Capital Raising During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Offering Structures for a Volatile Market (May 6, 2020)

Lawrence D. Levin

Partner

- COVID-19 Impact on Public Disclosure on SEC Reporting Companies (April 1, 2020)
- Virtual Shareholder Meetings in the Wake of COVID-19: Legal and Practical Considerations (March 26, 2020)
- SEC Proposes Rule Amendments to Permit General Solicitation in Rule 506 and 144A Offerings, Including Offerings by Hedge Funds and Other Private Funds (September 17, 2012)
- SEC Adopts Final Rules Regarding Conflict Minerals Disclosure (August 31, 2012)
- SEC Adopts Final Rule Requiring Exchanges to Establish Listing Standards Regarding Independence of Compensation Committees and Compensation Advisers (July 2, 2012)
- The JOBS Act: Congress Overhauls Laws Governing Capital Raising for Most Issuers and Reporting for New Public Companies (March 30, 2012)
- SEC Adopts Final Rules for Whistleblower Program under Dodd-Frank Act (June 2, 2011)
- SEC Adopts Final Say-on-Pay Voting Rules (January 31, 2011)
- SEC Adopts Final Rules to Enhance Shareholder Access to Companies' Proxy Materials (August 26, 2010)
- Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act Corporate Governance and Disclosure Provisions (July 6, 2010)
- Preparing Your Form 10-K? Here Are Some Action Items to Comply with New SEC Climate Change Disclosure Guidance (February 11, 2010)
- Proxy Vote Processing Issues: Over-Voting and Empty Voting (January 28, 2010)
- Communicating with Retail Shareholders: How Much Can an Issuer Say Outside the Proxy Materials? (January 21, 2010)
- Alerts for Shareholder Voting in 2010: Elimination of NYSE Broker Discretionary Voting in Uncontested Director Elections and Updates to RiskMetrics' US Policies Now Effective (January 12, 2010)

Lawrence D. Levin

Partner

- SEC Adopts Enhanced Executive Compensation and Governance Disclosure Rules (January 7, 2010)
- Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the SEC's NOBO-OBO Rules and Companies' Ability to Communicate with Retail Shareholders (January 4, 2010)
- Alerts for Shareholder Voting in 2010: Broker Discretionary Voting and Updates to RiskMetrics' US Policies (January 4, 2010)
- SEC Publishes Proposed Rule Facilitating Shareholder Director Nominations (June 18, 2009)
- Avoiding Charges of Board Risk Assessment Impairment: SEC to Review Bank Boards' Risk Oversight (February 20, 2009)
- Electronic Filing of Form D and Amendments Becomes Mandatory on March 16 (February 17, 2009)
- Stockholder Meeting Advance Notice Protections—Do They Mean What You Think? (September 2008)

Presentations and Events

- 2020 Proxy Season Update (December 12, 2019) | *Panelist*
- 2019 Proxy Season Update: Key Considerations for Public Companies (December 13, 2018)
- The Society for Corporate Governance (December 5, 2018) | *Moderator* | *2019 Proxy Season Preview: Pay Ratio Communications and Other Trending Topics*
- 2018 Proxy Season Update: Key Considerations for Public Companies (December 14, 2017) | *Moderator and Presenter*
- The Society for Corporate Governance (November 29, 2017) | *Moderator and Presenter* | *2018 Proxy Season Preview: Pay Ratio Communications and Other Trending Topics*

Lawrence D. Levin

Partner

- 2017 Proxy Season Update: Key Considerations for Public Companies (December 8, 2016) | *Panelist*
- 11th Annual Edward A. Brennan Forum on Corporate Governance (March 30, 2016) | *Panelist*
- 2016 Proxy Season Update: Key Considerations for Public Companies (December 9, 2015) | *Presenter*
- The 2015 Proxy Season: What Do You Need to Know? (April 21, 2015) | *Panelist*
- 2015 Proxy Season Update: Key Considerations for Public Companies (December 11, 2014) | *Panelist*
- Emerging Disclosure Developments - Annual Disclosure Documents 2014 (December 4, 2014) | *Presenter*
- 2014 Proxy Season Update: Key Considerations for Public Companies (December 10, 2013) | *Panelist*
- Attacks on Proxy Statement Compensation Disclosure (March 22, 2013) | *Presenter*
- 2013 Proxy Season Update: 13 Considerations for Public Companies (December 13, 2012) | *Presenter*
- Annual Disclosure Documents 2012: Preparation of Disclosure Documents, Annual Meeting and Regulatory Developments (December 6–7, 2012) | *Speaker* | *Emerging Growth Companies* | *Speaker, Insider Trading, FCPA and Securities Offerings Developments*
- How to Prepare for the Upcoming Proxy Season (December 13, 2011) | *Speaker* | *Solicitation Issues*
- Hot Issues in Securities Laws 2011: Disclosure Documents and Trends (December 12, 2011) | *Speaker* | *Insider Trading and Securities Offerings Issues*
- How to Prepare for the Upcoming Proxy Season (December 14, 2010) | *Panelist* | *Proxy Access* | *Panelist* | *Developments in Executive Compensation Disclosures*

Lawrence D. Levin

Partner

- Hot Issues in Securities Law 2010: Disclosure Topics and Trends (December 13, 2010) | *Panelist* | *Securities Act Developments*
- IPO Bootcamp (April 6, 2010) | *Speaker*
- 2010 Proxy Disclosure Update: Implementing the New SEC Rules (January 19, 2010) | *Speaker*
- 14th Annual Preparation of Annual Disclosure Documents (December 14–15, 2009) | *Panelist* | *Hot Topics for Compensation Committees, the New Gatekeepers* | *Panelist* | *The Annual Meeting* | *Panelist* | *Drafting the Proxy Statement and Annual Report*
- Preparation of Annual Disclosure Documents 2009 (January 12–13, 2009) | *Panelist* | *Shareholder Proposals and Corporate Governance*
- 2009 Proxy and Disclosure Season Update: What's New and What's Coming! (December 4, 2008) | *Panelist*
- Preparation of Annual Disclosure Documents (January 7–8, 2008) | *Panelist*