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David Matthews concentrates his practice on structured finance and securitization transactions. He represents US government-sponsored enterprises (GSE), captive finance companies, specialty consumer finance companies and investment firms. David helps these clients to monetize assets through structured finance and securitization transactions or through lending and leveraged asset acquisition arrangements. He also helps companies access the financial markets, deal with regulators like the SEC and navigate shifting economic and regulatory landscapes.

Understanding your business makes negotiating deals easier

David regularly represents parties to public and private transactions involving residential mortgages, auto floorplan loans, small- and mid-ticket equipment loans and leases, and personal loans. He has extensive experience helping clients in the mortgage space, including GSE, private-label and cross-border mortgage and mortgage servicing rights transactions, and he has advised on GSE credit risk transfer programs since their inception.

All of this know-how in a variety of structured finance focus areas eliminates the need for David to "get up to speed" or to have to involve a large attorney team. In fact, his breadth of experience means other attorneys frequently ask him for advice about how legal issues play out and have been addressed in the past.

While attending law school, David was an executive editor of the *Journal of International Law & Business*.

Previously, David worked at a bank and at a mortgage lender.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Chambers USA*
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation RMBS, 2025
- *The Legal 500 United States*

Practices

- Structured Finance and Securitization

Industries

- Finance and Financial Markets

Education

- JD, Northwestern University School of Law
- MM, University of Florida
- BM, Northwestern University

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- New York

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- Recommended Attorney, 2021, 2025

News

- Katten Receives High Marks in the Legal 500 US 2025 Guide (June 11, 2025)
- *Chambers USA* 2025 Ranks Katten as Leading Law Firm (June 5, 2025)
- David Matthews Explains Which Securitizations are Exempt From CTA Reporting for *Asset Securitization Report* (December 6, 2023)
- Katten Receives High Marks in Derivatives, M&A and Securitization in The Legal 500 United States 2021 Guide (June 10, 2021)
- *Law360* Celebrates Katten's New Partner Class (February 8, 2021)
- Katten Announces New Partner Class (October 30, 2020)

Publications

- US Treasury Issues Interim Final Rule That Removes the Requirement for US Companies and US Persons To Report Beneficial Ownership Information to FinCEN Under the Corporate Transparency Act (March 25, 2025)
- US Treasury Announces That the Corporate Transparency Act Will Not Be Enforced Against Domestic Companies, Their Beneficial Owners or US Citizens (March 6, 2025)
- CTA Is Pausing Fines, Penalties and Enforcement Actions Regarding Filing of Beneficial Ownership Information Reports (March 3, 2025)
- CTA Reporting Requirements Reinstated and Beneficial Ownership Reports Due March 21, 2025 for Most Reporting Companies (February 20, 2025)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 21 (January 2025)
- Corporate Transparency Act Reporting Remains Voluntary (January 24, 2025)
- Update: Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Reinstates Nationwide Injunction on CTA Reporting Requirements – CTA Enforcement Halted Once Again (December 27, 2024)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 20 (December 2024)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 18 (September 2024)
- Corporate Transparency Act: January 1, 2025 Filing Deadline and Recent Developments (September 17, 2024)

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- Action Required: Corporate Transparency Act Reporting Is Here (November 8, 2023)
- ZING VII—Implications for the Bankruptcy Remoteness of Special Purpose Entities (September 28, 2011)
- "Ruined in a Conventional Way: Responses to Credit Ratings' Role in Credit Crises," 29 NW. *J. INT'L L. & BUS.* 245 (January 1, 2009)

Presentations and Events

- U.S. Risk Transfer 2025 (May 7, 2025) | *Moderator* | *GSE Update*
- SFVegas 2025 (February 23–26, 2025) | *Panelist*