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As co-head of Katten's highly ranked structured finance and securitization practice, Howard Schickler offers clients insights formed from more than 30 years of experience representing private equity funds, special situation funds, specialty finance companies and the full range of players in structured finance transactions. Howie takes care to understand his clients' businesses, having worked with some all the way from the launch of their businesses through their growth cycle, including mergers and acquisitions, public offerings and restructurings and liquidations. Understanding the full life cycle of client enterprises is part of the wide perspective that he maintains in his work.

Tracking an evolving industry

Practices evolve quickly in the highly competitive and heavily regulated world of structured finance and securitization. Howie helps clients stay on top of new regulations and investor requirements, as well as the latest strategies for structuring deals. His familiarity with industry standards allows him to alert clients to deal terms they should be considering and also avoiding. Private equity funds, special situation funds and specialty finance companies frequently turn to him for advice on complex lending and portfolio acquisition transactions, knowing that he avoids unnecessary conflict in difficult negotiations.

In the specialty finance arena, Howie has worked with mortgage originators, auto loan originators, equipment lease originators, fintech companies and firms that finance litigation and medical receivables. At times, these transactions span multiple jurisdictions, which demands compliance with varying regulatory and security interest rules. Howie has also advised clients on strategies to deal with borrowers in distress. In one matter, he assisted a private equity fund that had made a large loan to a specialty finance company in financial trouble. Working with Katten's restructuring and insolvency team, he helped devise a plan that allowed the borrower to restructure under a consensual plan and avoid protracted court proceedings.

Practices

- Investment Management and Trading
- Private Equity
- Structured Finance and Securitization
- Structured Products

Industries

- Finance and Financial Markets

Education

- JD, New York University School of Law
- BA, The George Washington University, *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- New York

Community Involvements

- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association

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Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Securitization and Structured Finance Law, 2024, 2026
- *Chambers Global*
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation, USA, 2021
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation: ABS, USA, 2022–2026
- *Chambers USA*
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation, 2020
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation ABS, 2021–2025
- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Recommended Attorney, 2014–2025

News

- Mike Shaffer Rejoins Katten as a Partner in Structured Finance (March 27, 2026)
- Katten Securitization Team Surges in 2025 CMBS and ABS League Table Rankings (February 18, 2026)
- Katten Earns Top Rankings in *Chambers Global 2026* (February 12, 2026)
- Katten Celebrates 101 Attorneys Honored by *Best Lawyers®* (August 21, 2025)
- 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)
- Katten Scores High Marks in *Chambers Global 2025 Guide* (February 13, 2025)
- Katten Highly Ranked in Legal 500 United States 2024 (June 12, 2024)
- Katten Receives High Marks in *Chambers USA Guide 2024* (June 6, 2024)

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- Katten Ranked as Leader in *Chambers Global Guide 2024* (February 15, 2024)
- Katten's Structured Finance and Securitization Practice has a Strong Showing on *Asset-Backed Alert 2023* League Tables (January 23, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers®* (August 17, 2023)
- Katten Lauded in *The Legal 500 United States 2023* (June 9, 2023)
- Katten Boosts Rankings in *Chambers USA Guide 2023* (June 1, 2023)
- Katten Lauded in *Chambers Global Guide 2023* (February 16, 2023)
- Katten Awarded Top Ranking in Structured Finance: Securitization in *The Legal 500 United States 2022* (June 8, 2022)
- Katten Ranked Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA 2022* (June 1, 2022)
- Katten Receives Top Billing by *Chambers Global* in Banking & Finance, Bankruptcy, Derivatives, Hedge Funds and Securitisation (February 17, 2022)
- 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 Praised by *Chambers Global* in Banking & Finance, Derivatives, Hedge Funds and Securitisation (February 19, 2021)
- Howard Schickler Discusses Bank/Fintech Partnership Challenges With *American Banker* (September 2, 2020)
- *GlobalCapital* Discusses Pandemic Consumer Behavior and What That Means for the ABS Market (June 23, 2020)
- Katten Rated Top Law Firm by *Chambers USA 2020* (April 23, 2020)
- Katten Advances in Underwriter League Table in 2019 US ABS/MBS Securitization Counsel Mid-Year Rankings (July 17, 2019)
- Katten Praised in *The Legal 500 United States 2019 Guide* (June 11, 2019)
- Katten Holds Strong in 2018 US ABS/MBS Securitization Counsel Mid-Year Rankings (July 18, 2018)

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- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* (June 14, 2018)
- Katten Highly Ranked for 2017 US ABS/MBS Securitizations and CLO Underwriting Counsel (January 16, 2018)
- Katten Ranked As Number Two Issuer Counsel for First Half of 2017 for US ABS/MBS Securitizations (August 3, 2017)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States 2017* (May 31, 2017)
- Katten Ranked As Number Two Issuer Counsel for First Half of 2016 for US ABS/MBS Securitizations (July 18, 2016)
- Eighteen Katten Practices and 70 Attorneys Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States 2016* (June 17, 2016)
- Eight Katten Practices and Forty-Two Attorneys Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States 2014* (July 3, 2014)
- Katten Is Number One Issuer Counsel in Structured Finance (July 15, 2013)
- Katten Welcomes Prominent Structured Finance Group (November 2, 2010)

Publications

- New Concerns for Bank Fintech Partnerships: 10th Circuit's DIDMCA Decision Is the First Ripple in an Anticipated Wave (November 20, 2025)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 21 (January 2025)
- US Treasury and IRS Unveil Proposed Regulations for Commercial EV Tax Credit, Sparking Questions on Recapture Provisions (January 21, 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 14 (September 2024)
- US Treasury Releases Final Regulations for \$7,500 EV Tax Credit, Maintains Exclusions for Foreign Entities of Concern (May 3, 2024)
- Electric Vehicle Tax Credits: An Update | *Pratt's Energy Law Report* (May 2024)
- Third Circuit Says Statutory Trusts are 'Covered Persons' Under Consumer Financial Protection Act (March 22, 2024)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 11 (February 2024)
- Updates on EV Tax Credits (February 26, 2024)

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- New State Laws Impact Licensing Requirements for Consumer Loan FinTechs and Their Special Purpose Entities (August 8, 2023)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 2 (May 2023)
- Treasury and IRS Release Proposed Regulations on Consumer Electric Vehicle Tax Credits (April 10, 2023)
- Financial Markets and Funds Quick Take | Issue 11 (February 21, 2023)
- SEC Delays Enforcement of Rule 15c2-11 Compliance (January 31, 2023)
- Treasury Releases Guidance on Electric Vehicle Tax Credits (January 3, 2023)
- IRS Issues Guidance on "Qualified Manufacturer" Requirements for New Electric Vehicle Tax Credits (December 20, 2022)
- California Court of Appeal Ruling Limits Application of Default Interest (November 8, 2022)
- Structured Finance Year in Review and the Outlook for 2021 | Key Takeaways (December 23, 2020)
- Colorado Establishes Safe Harbor for Bank/Fintech Lending Programs (August 19, 2020)

Presentations and Events

- Navigating the Future of Private Credit Funds: Structuring, Product Development and Regulatory Trends (October 10, 2024)
- SFVegas 2024 (February 25–28, 2024) | *Speaker* | *Technology Development: Future of FinTech*
- New Developments in Securitization 2023 | Presented by Practising Law Institute (November 1, 2023) | *Panelist* | *Securitization Markets: Regulatory Update*
- 29th Annual ABS East Conference (October 23–25, 2023) | *Speaker* | *Specialty Finance & Non-Bank Lending*
- SFVegas 2023 (February 26–March 1, 2023) | *Speaker* | *Policy Watch: Cryptocurrency: What's on the Regulatory Horizon*
- ABS West 2022 (December 7–9, 2022) | *Moderator* | *The Current State and Outlook of the Alternative Financing Market: Where is the Industry Headed?*
- New Developments in Securitization 2022 (November 2, 2022) | *Panelist* | *Securitization Markets: Regulatory Update*

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- Structured Finance Year in Review and the Outlook for 2021 (December 8 and 10, 2020) | *Moderator | Fintech Update and the Road Ahead*
- Current Major Issues in Marketplace Lending: Regulatory and Securitization Perspectives (November 10, 2016) | *Presenter*
- Emerging Trends in P2P Lending and Merchant Cash Advance (October 1, 2014) | *Presenter*
- Emerging Trends in P2P Lending and Merchant Cash Advance (June 26, 2014) | *Presenter*
- IMN's Second Annual Spring Single Family Aggregation: The REO-to-Rental Forum (May 13–15, 2014) | *Chair | The Long and Short of the Bridge Market and Lines of Credit*
- The 18th Annual ABS East Conference (October 21–23, 2012) | *Speaker | Assessing the Availability of Repo Financing and the Use of Leverage in Securitized Markets*