



# Neil G. Shelton

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Private Credit

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Neil Shelton regularly represents administrative agents, arrangers, borrowers, investors, issuers and first lien, second lien and mezzanine lenders in connection with secured and unsecured cash flow and asset-based financings, including acquisition, leveraged buyout, recapitalization, restructuring and workout transactions. Neil's practice spans a wide variety of deal sizes and types, from single lender financings of lower-middle-market companies to broadly syndicated and unitranche credit facilities of more than \$1 billion for equity sponsor backed transactions. He is known in the market for his extensive experience representing lenders to borrowers in the insurance, financial services and health care industries.

## Practical and creative counsel

Clients turn to Neil for his knowledge of the market and his pragmatic, business-like approach to the practice of law. Neil thinks creatively to find solutions that work for all parties. Whether representing a first lien lender, second lien lender, mezzanine lender or a borrower, he anticipates potential downsides and knows how to protect his client from unforeseen risks. He is comfortable navigating the applicable regulatory landscape and advising clients on all aspects of their transactions. His clients include the most active banks and non-bank financial institutions in the middle-market. Neil is also a member of Katten's Board of Directors.

He is also an active supporter of the Folds of Honor and sits on the board of directors of its Chicago chapter.

## Recognitions

*Recognized or listed in the following:*

- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Recommended Attorney, 2017, 2026
- *Chambers USA*
  - Banking & Finance, 2021–2026

## Practices

- Health Care
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Credit
- Private Equity

## Industries

- Insurance and Risk Management
- Insurance Private Equity
- Manufacturing and Industrials Private Equity

## Education

- JD, University of Notre Dame Law School
- BS, University of Illinois

## Bar Admissions

- Illinois

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## News

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- Katten Earns Top Rankings in the Legal 500 US 2026 Guide (June 10, 2026)
- Katten Climbs in *Chambers USA* 2026 Rankings (June 4, 2026)
- 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 Receives High Marks in *Chambers USA* Guide 2024 (June 6, 2024)
- Katten Boosts Rankings in *Chambers USA Guide 2023* (June 1, 2023)
- Katten Ranked Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2022 (June 1, 2022)
- Katten Boosts Rankings in *Chambers USA* 2021 (May 20, 2021)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* 2017 (May 31, 2017)

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***"Neil is highly responsive and very attuned to market trends." "Neil is 100% committed to helping his clients – he provides very succinct and clear legal counsel."***

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***Chambers USA 2025  
(Illinois, Banking & Finance)  
survey response***

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