

Walter S. Weinberg

Senior Counsel

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For more than 40 years, Walter Weinberg has represented private equity funds and public and private company clients as well as entrepreneurs, private equity professionals and other senior executives in a wide range of matters. His experience includes advising clients on mergers and acquisitions, fund formations, startups, corporate governance, investments, and employment and compensation matters. A former Partner and Chair of the Chicago Corporate Department, and now Senior Counsel, Walter currently is the knowledge management and professional development attorney for the national Corporate Department. Walter's many years of experience enable him to curate useful forms and precedents and oversee training programs and presentations that enable Corporate Department attorneys to more efficiently deliver timely and up-to-date advice and documents to meet clients' business objectives.

Private equity deals of all kinds

Walter's practice covers the major activities of private funds, starting with their formation. He counsels sponsors of private equity, venture capital and real estate funds in the formation process, and advises all types of investors on investments in all types of funds. Walter represents funds as they invest in and exit portfolio companies. He also represents private equity professionals as they join and leave sponsors, and counsels management groups in their compensation and equity arrangements. He also spends significant time advising companies — many controlled or sponsored by private investment funds — in equity financings, M&A and other transactions. He has represented companies from start-ups to large-cap public companies in M&A across a variety of industries, and is quick to identify and understand the sensitive points and key issues in a given transaction.

Walter offers clients timely, clear and practical advice. He aims to execute the legal part of deals in such a way that achieves clients' aims and, to the extent possible, lead to no post-closing surprises.

Practices

- Artificial Intelligence
- Corporate
- Healthcare Services Private Equity
- Independent Sponsors
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Private Equity and Real Estate Fund Formation

Industries

- Insurance Private Equity
- Manufacturing and Industrials Private Equity

Education

- JD, Northwestern University School of Law, *cum laude*
- BA, The University of Chicago

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

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Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Corporate Law, 2008–2027
  - Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, 2006–2027
- *Chambers USA*
  - Corporate/M&A: Private Equity, 2005–2022
- *Guide to the World's Leading Investment Funds Lawyers*
- *Leading Lawyers Network*
- *Super Lawyers*
  - Illinois, 2007–2011, 2013–2027
- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Recommended Attorney, 2016, 2021
- *Who's Who in American Law*
- Lexology Index
  - Illinois, 2006

News

- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2027 *Best Lawyers* Guide (August 20, 2026)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 21, 2026)
- Katten Celebrates 101 Attorneys Honored by *Best Lawyers*® (August 21, 2025)
- Katten Attorneys Selected for 2025 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 31, 2025)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized as *Best Lawyers*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® Award Recipients (August 15, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 25, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers*® (August 17, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2023 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 24, 2023)

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- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® (August 18, 2022)
- Katten Ranked Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2022 (June 1, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2022 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 28, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (August 19, 2021)
- 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 Attorneys Chosen for 2021 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 29, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished as Top Legal Talent in the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* Lists (August 20, 2020)
- Katten Rated Top Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2020 (April 23, 2020)
- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2020 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 29, 2020)
- 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)
- Walter Weinberg Quoted in Law360 on Investment Limitations for PE Funds (March 14, 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)
- Katten Represents Gamut Capital Management in $1 Billion Private Equity Fund (January 4, 2017)
- 79 Katten Attorneys Selected for *Best Lawyers in America*® 2017 (August 15, 2016)

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- Eighteen Katten Practices and 70 Attorneys Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* 2016 (June 17, 2016)
- *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)
- Katten Represents Gryphon Investors in Recapitalization Transaction With Washington Systems LLC (December 9, 2015)
- 91 Katten Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2016 (August 17, 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)
- *Chambers USA* 2014 Distinguishes 24 Katten Practices and 54 Attorneys (May 23, 2014)
- 83 Katten Attorneys Lauded in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2014 (August 15, 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)
- 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)
- Katten Earns Recognition for 17 Practices and 44 Attorneys in 2011 *Chambers USA* Guide (June 10, 2011)
- Katten Advises Detroit Pistons in Sale to Billionaire Investor Tom Gores (April 11, 2011)

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- Katten Represents GSW Sports in Purchase of NBA's Golden State Warriors (November 15, 2010)
- 70 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2011 (August 9, 2010)
- Katten Lands 16 Practices and 39 Attorneys in *Chambers USA* Guide (June 24, 2010)
- 66 Katten Attorneys Named to 2010 List of *Best Lawyers in America*® (August 5, 2009)
- Katten Lands 14 Practices and 37 Attorneys in *Chambers USA* Guide (June 12, 2009)
- 50 Katten Attorneys Named to 2009 List of *Best Lawyers in America*® (September 23, 2008)
- Katten Lands 14 Practices and 32 Attorneys in *Chambers USA* Guide (June 13, 2008)
- Katten Represents New Ownership Group in Acquisition of Right to Operate Philadelphia MLS Expansion Team (March 3, 2008)
- 46 Katten Attorneys Named to 2008 List of *Best Lawyers in America*® (October 31, 2007)
- Katten Lands 15 Practices and 28 Attorneys in *Chambers USA* Guide (June 15, 2007)
- Katten Lands 12 Practices and 24 Attorneys in *Chambers USA* Guide (June 7, 2006)

Publications

- New York LLC Transparency Act Update (December 5, 2025)
- 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)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 13 (April 2024)
- Corporate Transparency Act Found Unconstitutional (for Specific Plaintiffs) (March 4, 2024)
- Action Required: Corporate Transparency Act Reporting Is Here (November 8, 2023)
- ILPA Releases Deal-By-Deal Model LPA (October 6, 2020)
- ILPA Publishes Model Limited Partnership Agreement Applying Principles 3.0 (November 19, 2019)

Presentations and Events

- Charting a Course for Family Business Legal Leadership: GCs and Principals in Dialogue (April 16, 2024) | *Panelist* | *Corporate Transparency Act: Overview and Update*
- Reps and Warranties Insurance in M&A: An Idea Whose Time Has Come (March 25, 2015) | *Moderator*
- Fundraising for Private Equity Funds (May 15, 2013) | *Panelist*
- Changes in Private Equity and New Opportunities (February 3, 2010) | *Panelist*
- Private Equity and Proposed Federal Regulation: Formation, Operation and Transaction Considerations (December 2, 2009) | *Panelist*
- Investing in China: Is 2009 Really the Year of the Bull? (February 17, 2009) | *Panelist*