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Co-head of Katten's National Capital Markets practice, Mark Wood is a highly skilled, pragmatic and client-focused practitioner with extensive experience representing public companies and investment banks in a wide variety of ongoing and transactional matters. These include IPOs and other public offerings of equity and debt securities, as well as mergers, acquisitions and other strategic transactions. Mark is also a leading advisor to institutional investors in highly structured private investment in public equity (PIPE) transactions. Additionally, he frequently represents Canadian and other non-US companies and investment banks in cross-border capital raising and other matters.

Skilled and practical assistance with corporate and securities matters

Clients appreciate Mark's deep experience and technical skill combined with his practical and commercial approach. For those reasons, they turn to him for assistance with their most complex corporate matters, including tender offers, mergers, acquisitions, going-private transactions and public and private capital raising transactions, as well as proxy contests and other shareholder activism matters. In addition, in his active PIPE practice Mark represents not only public companies but also institutional investors, including one of the largest and most prominent firms targeting the healthcare space. He also regularly counsels public companies on their securities law compliance, disclosure, corporate governance and compensation-related issues including the most challenging ones they face.

Mark also represents pharmaceutical, medical device and other life sciences companies in a variety of transactional matters — he has particular experience in the financing and commercialization of biosimilars. Many of his clients are in the healthcare, technology, oil and gas, mining, manufacturing and financial services industries.

Practices

- Capital Markets
- Corporate
- Corporate Governance
- Cryptoassets and Blockchain Technology
- Executive Compensation and Employee Benefits in Corporate Transactions
- Healthcare
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Pharmaceutical and Life Sciences Litigation
- Private Equity and Real Estate Fund Formation
- Public Company Advisory

Industries

- Data Centers
- Energy
- Finance and Financial Markets
- Hospitality
- Life Sciences
- Technology

Education

- JD, University of Michigan Law School
- BS, University of Illinois

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

Court Admissions

- US District Court, Northern District of Illinois

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Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Securities/Capital Markets Law, 2010–2027
  - Securities Regulation, 2011–2027
  - Lawyer of the Year
    - Securities Regulation, Chicago, 2016, 2023, 2027
    - Securities / Capital Markets Law, 2024
- *Super Lawyers*
  - Illinois, 2018–2027
- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Recommended Attorney, 2021

News

- Katten Recognized by *Bloomberg* in Global Legal Adviser League Tables (October 14, 2026)
- Katten Adds Cot Eversole to Capital Markets Practice in Chicago (September 9, 2026)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2027 *Best Lawyers* Guide (August 20, 2026)
- Katten Advises IKS Health in Acquisition of TruBridge (July 31, 2026)
- Katten Represents Processa Pharmaceuticals in Acquisition of Vidya Therapeutics (July 29, 2026)
- Katten Enters Miami Market with Prominent Capital Markets Hire from DLA Piper (July 6, 2026)
- Five Katten Partners Named as Members of *Law360* 2026 Editorial Boards (April 10, 2026)
- Katten Advises Capstone Green Energy on Transformative $112.5 Million Strategic Investment (March 31, 2026)
- Katten Advises CleanSpark on Acquisition and Commencement of Development for Additional AI Data Center in Texas (March 12, 2026)

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Committee on Federal Regulation of Securities
- *Law360*, Capital Markets Editorial Board, 2026
- NASDAQ, Public Policy Advisory Group
- Ray Garrett Jr. Corporate and Securities Law Institute at Northwestern Law School, Executive Committee
- The Chicago Bar Association

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- Katten Advises POET Technologies on $150 Million Registered Direct Offering (January 28, 2026)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 21, 2026)
- Katten Recognized at 7th Annual USA and Global M&A Atlas Awards (December 11, 2025)
- Katten Advises Capstone Green Energy Holdings on $15 Million PIPE Financing (December 5, 2025)
- Katten Represents CleanSpark in Convertible Senior Notes Offering (December 3, 2025)
- Katten Advises CleanSpark on Acquisition of Texas Land Rights and Long-Term Power Supply Agreements to Develop an AI Data Center (December 3, 2025)
- Katten Represents Deerfield Management in Sale of Melinta Therapeutics (September 8, 2025)
- Katten Celebrates 101 Attorneys Honored by *Best Lawyers*® (August 21, 2025)
- Katten Represents Deerfield Management in Take-Private Acquisition of Singular Genomics Systems, Inc. (March 7, 2025)
- Katten Attorneys Selected for 2025 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 31, 2025)
- Katten Team Represents Moser Holdings, LLC in Agreement to Sell Subsidiary to Atlas Energy Solutions Inc. (January 28, 2025)
- Katten Advises CleanSpark on $650 Million Convertible Senior Notes Offering (December 23, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized as *Best Lawyers*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® Award Recipients (August 15, 2024)
- Katten Represents POWER Engineers, Incorporated in Sale to WSP Global Inc. (August 13, 2024)
- Katten's Representation of Pinstripes Recognized as a 2024 Middle-Market Deal of the Year by *Mergers & Acquisitions Magazine* (May 17, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 25, 2024)
- Katten Represented Pinstripes in Combination With Banyan Acquisition Corporation (January 12, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers*® (August 17, 2023)

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- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2023 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 24, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® (August 18, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2022 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 28, 2022)
- Katten Represents Special Purpose Acquisition Company Banyan Acquisition Corp. in Upsized $241.5 Million IPO (January 26, 2022)
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource Center (November 10, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Represent Thrive Acquisition Corporation in $172.5 Million Initial Public Offering (November 1, 2021)
- SEC's Push for Tougher Rules on SPACs Is Leading to Disclosure Improvements, Katten Partner Tells *Bloomberg Tax* (October 15, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Help Drive $3.2 Billion US Car Dealership Deal (October 6, 2021)
- Over 60 of the Nation's Leading Law Firms Respond to Investment Company Act Lawsuits Targeting the SPAC Industry (September 3, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (August 19, 2021)
- Katten Appoints New Practice Heads, Building on Stellar Leadership (July 15, 2021)
- Katten Adds Capital Markets Partner (July 12, 2021)
- Katten Receives High Marks in Derivatives, M&A and Securitization in The Legal 500 United States 2021 Guide (June 10, 2021)
- Katten Survey Reveals SPACs Continue to Be Viewed as Favorable Investment Opportunities (May 24, 2021)
- Katten Launches 2021 SPAC Survey Report (May 24, 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 Represents INTL FCStone in $350 Million Offering of Senior Secured Notes (June 22, 2020)
- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2020 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 29, 2020)

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- Katten Partners Discuss Spinoffs With *Law360* (March 12, 2019)
- Super Lawyers Lists Honor More Than 50 Katten Attorneys in Illinois (January 24, 2019)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2018 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 25, 2018)
- Mark Wood Quoted in Law360 on NYSE Proposal to List Companies Without an IPO (July 3, 2017)
- Mark Wood Comments on NYSE Proposal to List Companies Without an IPO (June 12, 2017)
- Katten Ranked in Top Five of Hotel M&A Deals (October 11, 2016)
- 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)
- Partner Mark Wood Quoted in *Agenda* Article on Proxy Access (February 16, 2015)
- 85 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2015 (August 18, 2014)
- Katten Represents Hyde Park Acquisition Corp. II in Its Agreement to Merge with Santa Maria Energy Holdings LLC (December 5, 2013)
- 83 Katten Attorneys Lauded in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2014 (August 15, 2013)
- Partner Mark Wood Comments on Delaware Forum Selection Decision in *Compliance Week* (August 14, 2013)
- 80 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2013 Guide (August 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)
- Katten Represents Sterling Capital Partners and Management Team of Educate Inc. in $600 Million Going-Private Deal (June 26, 2007)

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Publications

- SEC Grants Exemption from Section 16(a) Reporting Requirements for Certain Foreign Private Issuers' Directors and Officers (March 12, 2026)
- SEC Commissioner Uyeda Describes Various Areas for Disclosure Reform in Remarks at the 53rd Annual Securities Regulation Institute (February 4, 2026)
- Coming Soon: Section 16 Reporting Obligations for Directors and Officers of Foreign Private Issuers (December 19, 2025)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 39 (June 2025)
- SEC Seeks Feedback on "Foreign Private Issuer" Definition and Accommodations (June 12, 2025)
- See Katten's Model Clawback Policy as Mandatory Rules Take Effect (October 2, 2023)
- Alternative Equity Offering Structures Provide Access to Capital as Markets Remain Challenged (In Capital Markets Compass Issue 6 (May 2023)) (May 24, 2023)
- *Capital Markets Compass* | Issue 6 (May 2023)
- Navigating the Regulatory Landscape – SEC Adopts New Rules Requiring Increased Disclosure on Stock Buybacks – Including Quarterly Reporting of Daily Repurchase Activity (May 12, 2023)
- *Capital Markets Compass* | Issue 5 (February 15, 2023)
- Delaware Chancery Court Issues *Delman* Decision Potentially Increasing Scrutiny of the Actions of SPAC Sponsors and Boards (January 31, 2023)
- Financial Markets and Funds Quick Take | Issue 10 (January 13, 2023)
- SEC Adopts Amendments to Rule 10b5-1 Plan Requirements and Increases Disclosure Requirements Regarding Insider Trading Policies (December 27, 2022)
- Crypto in the Public Capital Markets: Opportunities and Challenges (December 22, 2022)
- *Capital Markets Compass* | Issue 4 (December 22, 2022)
- SEC Adopts Mandatory Rules for Clawing Back Incentive-Based Compensation: Questions and Answers for Public Companies and Best Practices (November 17, 2022)

- Sweeping SEC Proposals Raise Significant Concerns for SPAC Market (May 3, 2022)
- *Capital Markets Compass* | Issue 3 (May 3, 2022)
- The SPAC Report: Mark Wood, National Capital Markets Practice Co-Head, Speaks With *Bloomberg Tax* on Proactive Disclosures as SEC Continues to Scrutinize SPACs; Chairman Gensler's Latest Comments on SPAC Regulation (In Capital Markets Compass Issue 2 (December 2021) (December 22, 2021)
- *Capital Markets Compass* | Issue 2 (December 22, 2021)
- *Capital Markets Compass* | Issue 1 (October 14, 2021)
- Client Alert: SEC Approves Nasdaq's Board Diversity Disclosure Requirements (August 16, 2021)
- Public Company Acquired Company Financial Statement Rules (September 16, 2020)
- Second Quarter Reporting — Recent SEC Guidance on COVID-19-Related Disclosure (July 29, 2020)
- Capital Raising During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Offering Structures for a Volatile Market (May 6, 2020)
- 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 Issues Guidance for Public Companies Holding Annual Meetings in Light of COVID-19 Impact (March 17, 2020)
- Second Circuit Issues Key Ruling Regarding Personal Benefit Requirement for Insider Trading Liability (September 8, 2017)
- Structured PIPEs: Convertible Preferred Stock and Convertible Debt, *The Issuer's Guide to PIPEs: New Markets, Deal Structures, and Global Opportunities for Private Investments in Public Equity* (2012)
- *Corporate & Financial Weekly Digest* (Weekly) | *Editor and Author*
- Code of Ethics, *The Practitioner's Guide to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act* (2004)

Presentations and Events

- Bitcoin 2025 (May 27, 2025) | *Speaker* | *CLE: Mining Contracts, M&A, AI, and Legal Risks*

- The PIPEs Conference (November 13–14, 2024) | *Speaker* | *What You Should Know About Foreign Issuers and the PIPE Market*
- US–Canadian Cross-Border Capital Raising and Dual Listings (August 10, 2023) | *Presenter*
- 2022 Crypto with Katten Annual Symposium (October 20, 2022)
- A SPAC Roundtable Discussion: The Investor Perspective (February 24, 2021) | *Speaker*
- 40th Annual Ray Garrett Jr. Corporate and Securities Law and 59th Annual Corporate Counsel Virtual Institute (September 23–25, 2020) | *Panelist* | *Developments in Public Company Disclosure*
- PIPE Transactions and Registered Direct Offerings: Alternative Capital Raising, PE Investment Opportunity (August 6, 2020) | *Panelist*
- COVID-19 Public Company Update (April 6, 2020) | *Speaker*
- Understanding the Securities Laws 2019 (September 18–19, 2019) | *Presenter* | *Securities Law Aspects of Mergers, Acquisitions and Other Corporate Transactions* | *What's New in Securities Law? Traps for the Unwary*
- Understanding the Securities Laws 2015 (September 27–28, 2017) | *Co-Chair and Presenter* | *Securities Act Exemptions* | *20 Questions – What's on Your Mind and What's New in Securities Law?*
- Practising Law Institute (PLI) (July 20–21, 2017) | *Co-Chair* | *Basics of Accounting for Lawyers 2017: What Every Practicing Lawyer Needs to Know*
- Evolving Your Current IR Strategies to Adapt to the Evolved Investor Landscape (December 15, 2016) | *Panelist*
- Understanding the Securities Laws 2015 (September 28–29, 2016) | *Co-Chair and Presenter* | *Securities Act Exemptions* | *Disclosure Challenges and Current Hot Topics*
- 36th Annual Ray Garrett Jr. Corporate and Securities Law Institute (April 28–29, 2016) | *Session Chair* | *Key Disclosure Issues for 2016*
- Understanding the Securities Laws 2015 (October 27–28, 2015) | *Co-Chair and Presenter* | *Securities Act Exemptions* | *Presenter* | *Disclosure Challenges, Deal Alternatives and Current Hot Topics*
- PLI Understanding the Securities Laws Fall 2014 (October 23–24, 2014) | *Co-Chair and Presenter* | *Disclosure Basics*
- Spotlight on the Audit Committee – Issues, Trends and Planning (May 20, 2014) | *Presenter*

- NIRI Crisis Communications: Prepare for a Rainy Day (May 9, 2014) | *Panelist* | *Crisis Communications: Prepare for a Rainy Day*
- Startup Sessions: First Round (December 4, 2013) | *Speaker* | *Crowdfunding and General Solicitation*
- Public Solicitation of Private Offerings: Implications of the SEC's Repeal of the Marketing Ban for Reg D Deals (July 25, 2013) | *Panelist*
- 2013 Proxy Season Update: 13 Considerations for Public Companies (December 13, 2012) | *Presenter*
- PLI Drafting Securities Filings 2012 (November 12–13, 2012) | *Presenter* | *Filings Under the '34 Act*
- PLI Understanding the Securities Laws 2012 (October 25–26, 2012) | *Co-Chair and Presenter* | *Disclosure Basics*
- DealFlow Media's Alternative Finance Conference – Canada (October 4–5, 2012) | *Panelist* | *Exploring Small IPOs, Follow-Ons, PIPEs, Registered Directs and Confidentially Marketed Public Offerings*
- The JOBS Act: Implications for Start-Up Funding (May 22, 2012) | *Panelist*