



Maximillian Licona

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Maximillian Licona represents entrepreneurs, high-growth companies and the investors who invest in these companies in connection with a variety of matters, including company formations, venture capital financings and corporate governance. He also represents business development companies (BDCs), registered closed-end funds (CEFs), and private investment funds in connection with their efforts to raise capital and launch market operations.

Max also supports the Entertainment and Media Transactions team. He has experience working on production and distribution agreements with major studios for film and television projects.

Assisting clients with capital-raising efforts and navigating the regulatory landscape

Max works with a wide range of clients on a broad range of public and private offerings of equity and debt securities. He also regularly advises clients on corporate governance and compliance matters. He regularly advises on Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) reporting obligations and other securities laws, including Section 16 compliance and Rule 144. He provides counsel on proxy statements as well as listing requirements of the NYSE and NASDAQ.

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Representative Experience

- Represented a BDC in two underwritten public offerings of \$800 million in aggregate principal amount of investment-grade unsecured notes.*

Practices

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Capital Markets
- Corporate
- Corporate Governance
- Financial Markets and Funds
- Investment Management and Trading
- Regulated Funds

Industries

- Finance and Financial Markets
- Entrepreneurial Ventures
- Entertainment and Media Transactions

Education

- JD, The George Washington University Law School, *with honors*
- BA, University of Redlands

Bar Admissions

- California

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- Represented a BDC in an underwritten public offering of \$125.1 million in aggregate principal amount of common stock.*
- Represented a BDC in an underwritten public offering of \$125 million in aggregate principal amount of investment-grade unsecured notes.*
- Represented a BDC in an underwritten public offering of \$100 million in aggregate principal amount of investment-grade unsecured notes.*
- Represented a CEF in four underwritten public offerings of over \$100 million in aggregate principal amount of term preferred stock.*
- Represented a BDC in an underwritten public offering of \$75 million in aggregate principal amount of investment-grade unsecured notes.*
- Advised in the sale of a majority equity interest in an energy company to a private equity fund.*

*Experience prior to Katten

News

- Katten Advises Capstone Green Energy Holdings on \$15 Million PIPE Financing (December 5, 2025)
- Katten Represents Underwriters in Preferred Stock Offering for Carlyle Credit Income Fund (November 7, 2025)
- Katten Represents Lucid Capital Markets as the Placement Agent in \$75 Million At-The-Market Offering for Pearl Diver Credit Company, Inc. (September 22, 2025)
- Katten Represents SLR Investment Corp. in Launch of \$150 Million At-the-Market Offering (April 3, 2025)
- Katten Represents Sales Agents in \$150 Million At-the-Market Offering for Carlyle Secured Lending, Inc. (April 3, 2025)
- Katten Advises CleanSpark on \$650 Million Convertible Senior Notes Offering (December 23, 2024)
- Katten Represents BlackRock in Series D Funding for Kairos Aerospace and Its Rebranding as Insight M (February 29, 2024)
- Katten is Representing Publicly-Traded Business Development Companies Managed by SLR Capital Partners, LLC in Merger (December 7, 2021)
- Katten's Industry Leading Corporate Practice Continues to Grow (September 14, 2021)

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Publications

- SEC Comment Period Ends for Controversial Proposal Regarding Clawbacks of Executive Incentive Compensation Without Official Action (December 22, 2021)
- *Capital Markets Compass* | Issue 2 (December 22, 2021)