



Julie Lee

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Julie Lee navigates a wide range of clients through sophisticated commercial real estate transactions. Julie has broad-based real estate experience representing owners, developers, institutional funds, investors, operators, lenders, buyers and sellers across multiple property sectors.

Providing clients a versatile skill set

Handling transactions on a day-to-day basis, Julie offers a broad skill set to clients seeking guidance on all stages of complex development including real estate acquisition, joint venture formation, construction, asset management and disposition. Julie also has extensive experience in managing and structuring financings, including bridge lending, construction financing, revolvers, good news facilities, agency loans, portfolio and single asset mortgages, and workouts. From drafting and negotiating key documentation to interacting with all key parties in transactions, Julie ensures that clients achieve their business goals.

Prior to joining Katten, Julie worked for two global law firms and also served as deputy general counsel for an investment management firm that focuses on multifamily assets in high-growth markets.

Representative Experience

- Represented a sovereign wealth fund in the acquisition financing of more than 300 industrial assets with approximately \$4.2 billion of proceeds in the aggregate.*
- Represented a financial services company in connection with an asset sale of a business that exceeded \$2 billion and included a portfolio of owned and leased office spaces.*
- Represented a New York-based real estate development and investment firm in securing a \$205 million mortgage and mezzanine construction financing for the conversion of a mixed-use to a medical life science property.*
- Represented a private equity firm in a \$105 million mortgage financing for the purchase of a corporation's headquarters.*

Practices

- Corporate
- Private Equity and Real Estate Fund Formation
- Real Estate
- Real Estate Acquisitions, Dispositions and Joint Ventures
- Real Estate Development
- Real Estate Finance and Lending
- Real Estate Leasing Transactions

Industries

- Data Centers

Education

- JD, Northwestern University School of Law, *cum laude*
- BA, University of Pennsylvania, *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- New York

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- Represented a private equity firm in the \$317 million acquisition of a portfolio of mixed-use multifamily and retail properties.*
- Represented a private equity firm in an \$8 billion dollar acquisition of a real estate investment trust.*

*Experience prior to Katten

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Ones to Watch
 - Real Estate Law, 2024–2026
- *New York Real Estate Journal*
 - Rising Star Ones to Watch, 2025
- *Super Lawyers Rising Stars*
 - New York, 2023-2024

News

- Katten's Rising Leaders Named to 2026 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®* List (August 21, 2025)
- Julie Lee Named to *New York Real Estate Journal* List of 2025 'Ones to Watch — Rising Stars' (June 27, 2025)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2024 New York Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (October 29, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized as *Best Lawyers®* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®* Award Recipients (August 15, 2024)
- Katten Advises Excel Sports Management in Acquisition of REP 1 Football (November 29, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2023 New York Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (September 29, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers®* (August 17, 2023)
- Julie Lee Joins Katten Real Estate Practice in New York (March 10, 2022)

Publications

- To Record or Not to Record a Mortgage Modification, That Is the Question (September 26, 2024)

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- A Prepackaged Bankruptcy Could Be the Answer to a Mortgage Default (June 20, 2024)
- UNCITRAL's Unclear Transparency Instrument: Fashioning the Form and Application of a Legal Standard Ensuring Greater Disclosure in Investor-State Arbitrations Arbitrations | *Northwestern Journal of International Law & Business* (2013)

Presentations and Events

- C-PACE Financing Overview (January 18, 2023) | *Speaker*