



Christopher M. Isaacs

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Clients depend on Christopher Isaacs to execute a wide range of transactional matters. Having been in-house counsel at a major investment bank early in his career, Chris has a deep understanding of the commercial needs of his clients and is adept at tailoring solutions for each individual transaction. He regularly advises private equity firms and their portfolio companies, as well as other asset managers, financial technology firms (including those operating in cryptoassets), and early-stage companies and their investors in various industries as they undertake complex, often transformational strategic transactions.

A proven closer

Chris understands that the lodestar for a deal attorney is achieving success for his clients while minimizing transactional risk. Because many of the transactions on which he advises have a regulatory overlay, Chris has an appreciation for the daunting complexities faced by heavily regulated clients. Such clients usually have two, often competing, stakeholders — their investors and other equityholders, on the one hand, and the regulators that oversee their businesses, on the other hand. Chris is adept at creative solutions to achieve the goals of all stakeholders in a deal and get to closing as quickly and efficiently as possible, while keeping in mind the big-picture commercial drivers underpinning each transaction.

Chris has experience with both domestic and cross-border transactions. He has advised on asset and equity transactions, both buyouts and minority investments, on both the buy and sell sides and on behalf of both strategic and financial parties, as well as joint ventures, reorganizations and restructurings, and other matters relating to general corporate and securities law. In addition to his work for financial industry clients, Chris also has experience in health care, automotive, energy, retail, and commercial and business sectors.

Practices

- Corporate
- Corporate Governance
- Cryptoassets and Blockchain Technology
- Financial Markets and Funds
- Investment Management and Trading
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Real Estate

Industries

- Entrepreneurial Ventures
- Insurance Private Equity
- Technology

Education

- JD, Brooklyn Law School
- BA, Boston University

Bar Admissions

- New York

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Representative Experience

- Represented a leading investment firm in a distressed equity acquisition on behalf of its specialty finance investment unit.
- Represented a leading provider of software to the financial services industry in a worldwide restructuring that involved subsidiaries and affiliates in over 20 jurisdictions outside of the United States.
- Represented a private equity firm in its acquisition of a consumer juvenile products producer from another private equity firm.
- Represented one of the largest bitcoin mining companies in the world in various strategic acquisitions.
- Represented a private equity firm in the merger of its portfolio company in the snack foods industry with a competitor owned by another private equity firm.
- Represented a private equity firm in the sale of its portfolio company in the healthcare industry to a strategic acquirer.
- Represented a leading physical therapy provider in a number of strategic transactions.
- Represented a financial technology company in its sale to a private equity firm to establish a platform portfolio company in the financial technology industry.
- Represented a private equity firm in a platform acquisition in the commercial landscaping industry and in multiple add-on acquisitions for that platform.
- Represented an automotive finance company in its sale to one of the largest automotive retailers in the United States.
- Represented a real estate investment manager in its sale to one of the largest European private equity firms.*
- Represented an investor group led by a private equity firm in the sale of an auto finance company to one of the largest automotive manufacturers in the world.*
- Represented an international bioscience investment firm in its sale to a global private equity firm.*
- Represented a Latin American-based financial technology company in a reorganization and equity financing round.*
- Represented a wine importer in the sale of a majority equity stake to an Italian private equity firm.*

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- Represented a leading independent private financial services firm in various acquisitions of investment advisors and in connection with multiple equity financing rounds.*
- Represented the portfolio company of a private equity firm in its acquisition of a customer relationship management software company and an enterprise resource planning software company.*
- Represented a private financial services firm in a minority equity investment by an independent alternative asset manager.*
- Represented a leading global accounting firm in a variety of strategic transactions in the United States and around the world.*
- Represented a faith-based service organization in various strategic investments and restructurings of asset managers.*
- Represented a private equity firm in its investment in an insurance technology firm.*
- Represented a private equity firm in its minority equity investment in one of the largest private real estate investment managers in the United States.*
- Represented a financial services holding company in its investment in a sports insurance specialist.*
- Represented a private investment and advisory firm in its acquisition of a social and collaborative learning provider.*
- Represented a mutual fund investment adviser in its sale of illiquid debt and equity assets to a specialist asset manager.*
- Represented a syndicate of distressed asset investment funds in connection with a restructuring of two leading global energy companies.*
- Represented a private equity firm in its acquisition of a chain of automotive leasing dealerships.*

*Experience prior to Katten

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Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Recommended Attorney, 2025

News

- Katten Receives High Marks in the Legal 500 US 2025 Guide (June 11, 2025)
- Katten Advises Highlander Partners in The Ergo Baby Carrier Purchase (January 2, 2025)
- Katten Represents Highlander Partners in Benestar Brands Merger With Palmex (December 18, 2023)
- Katten Grows its Mergers and Acquisitions/Private Equity Team (May 2, 2022)