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Clients rely on Oliver Williams to manage their most complex transactions, both domestically and globally. A skilled practitioner, Oliver is well-versed in both M&A and private equity. He has Higher Rights of Audience in the Civil Courts as a solicitor, and was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn.

Skilled counsel with team approach to meeting client needs

Oliver maintains a broad practice covering private equity, corporate M&A, investments and shareholder arrangements. He has considerable experience representing private equity sponsors and corporate clients on a wide range of domestic and international transactions, debt and equity arrangements, and restructurings.

Oliver has significant experience of working with multidisciplinary teams involving legal, tax, accounting and corporate finance advisors. As such, he appreciates the value of a team approach to address the full scope of a client's unique needs.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *The Legal 500 United Kingdom*
 - Recommended Attorney, 2024, 2025

News

- Katten Advises Areim AB on SAGA Joint Venture (December 9, 2025)
- Katten Distinguished in Legal 500 UK Guide (October 1, 2025)
- Katten Secures Top Spot in The Legal 500 United Kingdom 2025 Guide (October 4, 2024)
- Katten Advises Areim in First Joint Venture European Acquisition With VGP (May 21, 2024)
- Katten Advises Areim AB in Complex Joint Venture Structure With VGP NV (January 5, 2024)

Practices

- Corporate
- Corporate Governance
- International
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity

Industries

- Finance and Financial Markets
- Technology

Education

- PGDL, BPP University Law School, *LPC*
- BA, University of Oxford, *with honors*

Bar Admissions

- California
- England and Wales

Court Admissions

- Higher Rights of Audience (Civil Courts)

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- Katten Acclaimed in The Legal 500 United Kingdom 2024 Guide (October 4, 2023)
- Edward Tran and Oliver Williams Discuss ESG reporting and M&A on *Grip* Podcast (July 27, 2023)
- Edward Tran and Oliver Williams Discuss ESG Trends in M&A (June 28, 2023)
- Katten UK Named Transatlantic Firm of the Year 2022 (November 30, 2022)
- Katten UK Expands Corporate Practice With PwC Legal Hire (May 23, 2022)

Publications

- UK and European M&A: Predictions for 2026 (January 22, 2026)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 29 (January 2026)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 45 (December 2025)
- The NSI Act (November/December 2025)
- Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 — Identity Verification and Companies House Filings (2025 Update) (October 30, 2025)
- National Security Meets Investment: Understanding the United Kingdom's Evolving NSI Regime (October 22, 2025)
- UK National Security and Investment Act Update: Streamlining Security, Supporting Investment (September 11, 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 18 (January 2025)
- UK and European M&A: Predictions for 2025 (January 27, 2025)
- What UK Security Act Report Indicates For Future Gov't Policy | *Law360* (November 18, 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 15 (October 2024)
- The New UK Government, Industrial Strategy and the National Security and Investment Act (October 23, 2024)
- Foreign Investment and National Security: Navigating Heightened Scrutiny of US, EU and UK Cross-Border Deals (October 16, 2024)
- UK M&A Transactions: Key Considerations for US Buyers (July 16, 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 9 (March 2024)

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- Companies House Reforms Begin to Bite on 4 March 2024 (March 18, 2024)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 11 (February 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 8 (February 2024)
- UK and European M&A: Predictions for 2024 (February 1, 2024)
- Fraud, Reform and the Registrar: Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (November 27, 2023)
- You Say Hello. I Say Goodbye: The *DnaNudge* Case and Differences of Opinion on Share Conversions and Other Variations of Class Rights (November 6, 2023)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 5 (August 2023)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 4 (July 2023)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 3 (June 2023)
- Go Green or Go Home: ESG's Increasing Impact on M&A in the UK and Europe (June 22, 2023)
- More Money, More Problems: Providing additional capital to UK companies in turbulent times (May 16, 2023)
- Hot Topics in Private M&A Transactions in the UK: Macroeconomic Uncertainty, Cash Is King and Bridging Value Gaps (March 27, 2023)
- Lessons From Burnford: Investors, Creditors and Recovering Reflective Losses (March 1, 2023)
- Financial Markets and Funds Quick Take | Issue 11 (February 21, 2023)
- Register of Overseas Entities – Approaching Deadline of 31 January 2023 (January 25, 2023)
- Managing Legal Uncertainty in Sole-Director Companies - Recent Developments (December 22, 2022)
- NSIA and CFIUS: recent developments and observations (November 1, 2022)
- Financial Markets and Funds Quick Take | Issue 7 (October 12, 2022)
- The UK National Security and Investment Act – Guidance Notes (September 14, 2022)
- Financial Markets and Funds Quick Take | Issue 5 (August 16, 2022)

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- UK Real Property Beneficial Ownership Register Progresses in England and Wales (August 8, 2022)