

Julia Brook

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With over a decade of experience, Julia Brook brings a business-forward approach to the practice of law. She advises clients across a broad range of corporate and business legal matters, including general corporate counseling, mergers and acquisitions, dispositions, and structuring business ownership and investments. Her practice is focused on representing middle-market, public and private companies in complex transactions, including private equity and venture capital financings, international transactions, strategic acquisitions, debt and equity offerings, and joint ventures.

Practical, business-minded approach to getting transactions closed and achieving client objectives

Julia is a user-friendly attorney with an emphasis on the client experience and consistent communication. Spanning a wide array of corporate transactional matters, she has a passion for staying on the cutting edge of market developments and prides herself in offering creative solutions to fulfill client objectives and meet client needs. In the context of the ever-changing landscape of emerging industries, Julia tackles novel legal questions and provides practical, effective counseling to clients, from the macro to the micro, on each transaction.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Super Lawyers Rising Stars*
  - Illinois, 2022–2025
- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Ones to Watch
    - Corporate Law, 2026 and 2027

Practices

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

Industries

- Entrepreneurial Ventures
- Family Offices
- Technology
- Entertainment and Media
- Life Sciences
- Fashion, Retail, Luxury and Beauty

Education

- JD, University of Illinois College of Law
- BA, Northwestern University

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

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News

- Katten Advises Perdoceo Education Corporation on Definitive Agreement to Acquire South University (September 18, 2026)
- Katten Announces 2026 Partner Promotions (September 1, 2026)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2027 *Best Lawyers* Guide (August 20, 2026)
- Katten Advises Authentic Brands Group in Connection With Its Acquisition of the Care Bears Brand (August 20, 2026)
- Katten Represents Processa Pharmaceuticals in Acquisition of Vidya Therapeutics (July 29, 2026)
- Katten's Rising Leaders Named to 2026 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® List (August 21, 2025)
- Katten Represents Prompt Health in Acquisition of PredictionHealth (June 30, 2025)
- Katten Represents WB Waste Solutions in Acquisition by Waste Management (May 13, 2025)
- Katten Attorneys Selected for 2025 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 31, 2025)
- Katten Represents TraceGains in Acquisition by Veralto (October 10, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 25, 2024)
- Katten Team Advises MBX on its Acquisition by AHEAD, Boosting its Engineering Capabilities (June 9, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2023 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 24, 2023)

Publications

- The Great Wealth Transfer: What Family Business Owners Should Do Now (September 2, 2026)
- Top Three Legal Considerations for Family Business Owners Preparing for a Sale (March 11, 2026)
- Preparing for a Third-Party Sale of a Family Business: Key Business Considerations for Owners (February 11, 2026)
- Four Strategies for Family Business Succession Planning (January 28, 2026)

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Presentations and Events

- IBA European Fashion and Luxury Law Conference (July 8–9, 2026)
- Spring 2026 Annual Symposium: Business Law in the Global Markets of Fashion & Luxury (February 19, 2026) | *Panelist*
- Navigating Legal Negotiations | Chicago Synergist (September 28, 2023) | *Panelist*