



# R. Kader Crawford

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**Recognized as a leader when it comes to complex financing transactions, Kader Crawford advises bank and nonbank lenders, private equity sponsors, and other public and private companies. His responsive and decisive approach, along with his background in accounting and tax, leads to elegant solutions for his clients from both a business and legal perspective.**

## Client-focused solutions for sophisticated lending

Kader focuses his practice on commercial lending, corporate finance and private equity transactions. He works closely with money center banks and nonbank institutional lenders in connection with a variety of acquisition financings and cross-border transactions, including senior secured cash flow and asset-based credit facilities, unitranche financings, stretched senior financings and mezzanine and second lien facilities.

With a primary focus on the middle market segment for sponsor acquisition financings, Kader's transactional experience reflects a deep understanding of this space. His practice also encompasses a wide spectrum of the lending market, ranging from bilateral sponsor acquisition financings to broadly syndicated credit facilities for large private and public companies.

Kader has an active pro bono practice, including assisting nonprofit lenders in establishing business structures and matters related to lending regulations compliance. Additionally, he counsels local organizations of all types in business formation, corporate governance and other general corporate matters.

Prior to beginning his legal career, Kader was a certified public accountant with a Big Four accounting firm. In law school, he served as a staff writer for the North Carolina Law Review.

## Recognitions

*Recognized or listed in the following:*

- *Best Lawyers in America*

## Practices

- Capital Markets
- Corporate
- International
- Private Credit
- Private Equity
- Structured Finance and Securitization

## Industries

- Family Offices
- Finance and Financial Markets
- Manufacturing and Industrials Private Equity

## Bar Admissions

- North Carolina

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- Banking and Finance Law, 2025
- Ones to Watch, Banking and Finance Law and Corporate Law, 2021-2024
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- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Key Lawyer, Finance: Commercial Lending, 2024-2025
- *Lawdragon*
  - 500 X – The Next Generation, 2023, 2025

## News

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- Katten Expands Noted Private Credit Group With Complex Financing Pro R. Kader Crawford (September 10, 2025)

## Presentations and Events

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- 2025 Financial Services Symposium (January 30, 2025)