

Martin Siroka

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There’s a reason why so many major developers in New York City rely on Martin Siroka for assistance with financing affordable and mixed-income residential developments in the New York metro area. He has more than 40 years of experience in the field, including more than a decade as general counsel of the New York City Housing Development Corporation. As a former government official, he understands how to interact with government agencies. It's something he does with regular success, guiding clients through the complex regulatory process involved in financing and operating housing developments.

Experience at the intersection of three specialized practices

Marty's long experience as both a private practitioner and a former government attorney in the specialized fields of affordable housing, real estate financing and public finance gives him the tools to find innovative and efficient ways to reach his clients' goals. He has worked on hundreds of residential projects, and as a result of representing so many different developers and owners has a keen understanding of the issues that concern them. He responds to those concerns quickly, with a responsiveness that stems from his belief that the sooner clients deal with potential problems, the easier those problems are avoided or solved. Marty has represented borrowers, lenders and bond issuers in numerous loan and bond restructurings throughout his career.

With hundreds of multifamily housing bond transactions to his credit, Marty has focused a significant part of his practice on the financing of mixed-income rental developments. He has also worked on issues surrounding the low-income housing tax credit, and has significant experience with rental developments subject to federal housing programs and New York state's Article XI and Mitchell Lama programs. In Marty's hands, his depth of knowledge translates to successes like closing the $905 million sale of Starrett City, the largest government-regulated rental project in the United States, despite complications like litigation from dissenting limited partners.

Practices

- Affordable Housing and Community Development
- Government and Public Finance
- Real Estate
- Real Estate Acquisitions, Dispositions and Joint Ventures
- Real Estate Development
- Real Estate Finance and Lending
- Structured Finance and Securitization

Education

- JD, The George Washington University Law School
- BA, Yale University

Bar Admissions

- New York

Court Admissions

- US District Court, Eastern District of New York
- US District Court, Southern District of New York

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Marty's government service spanned nearly 20 years. He served first as deputy general counsel for the City of New York Department of Housing Preservation and Development, overseeing legal matters for 9,000 city-owned buildings that accommodated more than 100,000 residents. He later became general counsel for the New York City Housing Development Corporation, which plays a major role in the development of affordable and mixed-income housing in New York City.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Real Estate Law, 2010–2027
- *Super Lawyers*
  - New York, 2009–2013, 2015–2026
- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Recommended Attorney, 2019–2020
- *The International Who's Who of Real Estate Lawyers*
  - 2014
- Lexology Index
  - Real Estate, 2017, 2019

News

- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2027 *Best Lawyers* Guide (August 20, 2026)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2025 New York Metro Super Lawyers List (October 31, 2025)
- Katten Celebrates 101 Attorneys Honored by *Best Lawyers*® (August 21, 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 Attorneys Named to 2023 New York Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (September 29, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers*® (August 17, 2023)

> ***"New York-based Martin Siroka . . . is 'calm, thoughtful and knowledgeable'."***
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> ***The Legal 500 United States* 2019 (Real Estate) survey response**

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- Katten Attorneys Earn 2022 New York Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Distinctions (September 29, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® (August 18, 2022)
- Louise Carroll Speaks With *The Glass Hammer* About Public Service Career, New Professional Chapter and Family Influences (June 7, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Named 2021 New York Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Honorees (September 30, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (August 19, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Chosen for New York Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists (October 28, 2020)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished as Top Legal Talent in the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* Lists (August 20, 2020)
- Katten Attorneys Nominated to 2019 New York Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (September 12, 2019)
- Marty Siroka appointed JASA president, commits to supporting elderly in New York (August 1, 2019)
- Katten Praised in The Legal 500 United States 2019 Guide (June 11, 2019)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2018 New York *Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars Lists (September 13, 2018)
- Katten Finalizes Historic Starrett City Sale (May 8, 2018)
- Katten Attorneys Acknowledged in 2017 New York Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (September 20, 2017)
- Eighteen Katten Attorneys Distinguished in 2016 New York Metro *Super Lawyers* List (September 21, 2016)
- 79 Katten Attorneys Selected for *Best Lawyers in America*® 2017 (August 15, 2016)
- Twenty Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2015 New York Metro *Super Lawyers* List (September 16, 2015)
- 91 Katten Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2016 (August 17, 2015)
- Katten Secures $251 Million Bond Deal For BLDG Management Co. (June 17, 2015)

- Katten Obtains $182 Million Loan For Friedland Properties (June 17, 2015)
- Katten Leads Extell Development Co. Affiliates in $325 Million Apartment Development Project Deal (April 17, 2015)
- 85 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2015 (August 18, 2014)
- Partner Martin Siroka Comments on De Blasio's Housing Plan in Law360 (May 16, 2014)
- Katten Snags Team of Top Attorneys to Grow Real Estate Practice in New York and Washington, DC (February 1, 2014)

Publications

- Katten Partners Review Terms of New York's Housing Preservation Opportunity Program for *The Real Estate Finance Journal* (October 27, 2021)
- New York City's Article XI Real Property Tax Exemption Program: Providing Attractive Real Property Tax Benefits for Multi-family Properties (April 23, 2021)

Presentations and Events

- The Legal Framework of Affordable Housing – Dispositions and Loans – Statutory Considerations, New York City Bar Association (September 19, 2013) | *Panelist*