Chris DiAngelo

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Chris DiAngelo offers clients a thorough understanding of the interplay of deal structuring and cashflow modeling with the legal principles applicable to financial products. He is widely recognized in the financial services industry, where his command of business, legal and policymaking has enabled him to participate in the development of many innovative — and often replicated — deal structures.

Solving funding challenges

For large banks, asset managers, finance companies and government entities, Chris offers long experience in all areas of structured financial products. Participants and institutions in the financial services industry have repeatedly turned to Chris to solve complex structuring and legal issues.

Chris's depth of knowledge and experience has him well-positioned to quickly assess a client's goals and advise on the best options. Clients also benefit from his deep contacts throughout the industry and in the government. He has long been involved with the Structured Finance Association (SFA) and has served on its board and executive committee. He has also acted as chairman of the SFA's political action committee and co-chair of its legal counsel committee.

His legal and cash-flow structuring background has allowed him to participate in landmark financing deals. He assisted in developing the REMIC credit risk transfer structure, which marked an evolution in financing techniques, opening the US residential mortgage credit market to an increased number of sources of private capital. Clients have high praise for his ability to manage complex deals, stating, “Chris brings tremendous knowledge and experience. He identifies and minimizes risk, whilst looking for commercial and efficient solutions." (*Chambers USA* 2025) He is also widely recognized for his ability to communicate complex topics in a straightforward manner. "He is one of the most creative and thoughtful attorneys we have ever worked with." (*Chambers USA* 2026).

Chris's expertise includes a detailed familiarity with the legal architecture of various insolvency regimes, tax, government lending and guaranty

Practices

- Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities
- Government and Public Finance
- Private Credit
- Regulated Funds
- Structured Finance and Securitization
- Structured Products and Derivatives

Education

- JD, Columbia Law School
- MA, The City University of New York, Economics
- BA, Williams College

Bar Admissions

- New York

Professional & Community Involvement

- Association of the Bar of the City of New York
- Commercial Real Estate Finance Council
- Structured Finance Association
- National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders

programs, regulatory capital and securities laws. Before entering law, he was an economist.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Securitization and Structured Finance Law, 2013–2027
- *Chambers Global*
  - Capital Markets: Securitisation, USA, 2010, 2012–2021
  - Capital Markets: Securitisation: RMBS, USA, 2021–2026
  - Capital Markets: Securitisation: ABS, USA, 2022–2026
- *Chambers USA*
  - Capital Markets: Securitisation, 2012–2020
  - Capital Markets: Securitisation RMBS, 2012–2017, 2020–2026
  - Capital Markets: Securitisation ABS, 2021–2026
- *Super Lawyers*
  - New York, 2026
- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Hall of Fame, 2023–2026
  - Recommended Attorney, 2013–2022

News

- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2027 *Best Lawyers* Guide (August 20, 2026)
- Katten Earns Top Rankings in the Legal 500 US 2026 Guide (June 10, 2026)
- Katten Climbs in *Chambers USA* 2026 Rankings (June 4, 2026)
- Katten Earns Top Rankings in *Chambers Global 2026* (February 12, 2026)
- Katten Celebrates 101 Attorneys Honored by *Best Lawyers*® (August 21, 2025)
- Katten Receives High Marks in the Legal 500 US 2025 Guide (June 11, 2025)

> ***"His awareness of the smallest developments that could be helpful to your business is unreal, as is his ability to sort out solutions to tricky client structuring issues." "Chris has a rare combination of technical insight, commercial pragmatism and client service. He sees the full picture, anticipates issues before they arise and ensures the entire team executes with precision and speed."***

***Chambers USA* 2026 (USA Nationwide, Capital Markets: Securitization: ABS/RMBS) survey response**

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- *Chambers USA* 2025 Ranks Katten as Leading Law Firm (June 5, 2025)
- Katten Scores High Marks in *Chambers Global 2025 Guide* (February 13, 2025)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized as *Best Lawyers*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® Award Recipients (August 15, 2024)
- Katten Highly Ranked in Legal 500 United States 2024 (June 12, 2024)
- Katten Receives High Marks in *Chambers USA* Guide 2024 (June 6, 2024)
- Katten Ranked as Leader in *Chambers Global Guide* 2024 (February 15, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers*® (August 17, 2023)
- Katten Lauded in The Legal 500 United States 2023 (June 9, 2023)
- Katten Boosts Rankings in *Chambers USA Guide 2023* (June 1, 2023)
- Katten Names Female Investment Management Partner With Untraditional Career Path to Lead New York Office (May 18, 2023)
- Wendy Cohen's New Role as New York Managing Partner Featured in *Law360* (May 9, 2023)
- Katten Lauded in *Chambers Global Guide* 2023 (February 16, 2023)
- Commercial Lit Team Draws Coverage From *Reuters, American Lawyer, Law360* and More (January 11, 2023)
- Katten Lands Talented Litigation Team in New York (January 10, 2023)
- *Commercial Observer* Spotlights Design of Katten's Rockefeller Plaza Office (November 30, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® (August 18, 2022)
- Katten Awarded Top Ranking in Structured Finance: Securitization in The Legal 500 United States 2022 (June 8, 2022)
- Katten Ranked Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2022 (June 1, 2022)
- Katten Moves to Iconic Rockefeller Center® as Flexible Return-to-Office Plan Launches (April 5, 2022)
- Katten Receives Top Billing by *Chambers Global* in Banking & Finance, Bankruptcy, Derivatives, Hedge Funds and Securitisation (February 17, 2022)

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- Katten Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (August 19, 2021)
- Katten Receives High Marks in Derivatives, M&A and Securitization in The Legal 500 United States 2021 Guide (June 10, 2021)
- Katten Boosts Rankings in *Chambers USA* 2021 (May 20, 2021)
- Katten Praised by *Chambers Global* in Banking & Finance, Derivatives, Hedge Funds and Securitisation (February 19, 2021)
- 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 Rated Top Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2020 (April 23, 2020)
- *Chambers Global* Ranks Katten in Derivatives and Securitisation (February 13, 2020)
- Katten New York Moving to Rockefeller Center® (October 21, 2019)
- Katten Praised in The Legal 500 United States 2019 Guide (June 11, 2019)
- Katten Lauded Top Ranked Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2019 (April 25, 2019)
- *Chambers Global* Praises Katten Attorneys in Financial Services, Trusts & Estates (February 21, 2019)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* (June 14, 2018)
- Katten Rated as Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2018 (May 3, 2018)
- Katten Attorneys Lauded by *Chambers Global* 2018 (February 21, 2018)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* 2017 (May 31, 2017)
- Katten Recognized as Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2017 (May 30, 2017)
- Katten Ranked by *Chambers Global* 2017 (March 16, 2017)
- 79 Katten Attorneys Selected for *Best Lawyers in America*® 2017 (August 15, 2016)
- Eighteen Katten Practices and 70 Attorneys Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* 2016 (June 17, 2016)

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- *Chambers USA* 2016 Distinguishes 22 Katten Practices and 50 Attorneys (May 27, 2016)
- Six Katten Partners Recognized by *Chambers Global* (March 17, 2016)
- 91 Katten Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2016 (August 17, 2015)
- Katten Attains 22 Practice and 58 Attorney Rankings by *Chambers USA* 2015 (May 20, 2015)
- Six Katten Partners Praised by *Chambers Global* (March 13, 2015)
- 85 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2015 (August 18, 2014)
- Eight Katten Practices and Forty-Two Attorneys Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* 2014 (July 3, 2014)
- *Chambers USA* 2014 Distinguishes 24 Katten Practices and 54 Attorneys (May 23, 2014)
- Six Katten Partners Lauded by *Chambers Global* (March 14, 2014)
- Chris DiAngelo, Co-head of the Structured Finance and Securitization Practice, Quoted in Origination News Regarding "New" Asset Classes (January 27, 2014)
- 83 Katten Attorneys Lauded in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2014 (August 15, 2013)
- Katten Is Number One Issuer Counsel in Structured Finance (July 15, 2013)
- Chris DiAngelo Named to SFIG Board of Directors (July 15, 2013)
- Six Katten Practices and Twenty-Four Attorneys Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* 2013 (June 4, 2013)
- *Chambers USA* 2013 Recognizes 24 Katten Practices and 49 Attorneys (May 24, 2013)
- Five Katten Partners Recognized by *Chambers Global* (March 18, 2013)
- *Chambers USA* 2012 Distinguishes 19 Katten Practices and 45 Attorneys (June 7, 2012)
- Six Katten Partners Lauded by *Chambers Global* 2012 (April 26, 2012)
- Five Katten Practices Recognized by *Legal 500* in 2011 US Edition (June 16, 2011)

- Katten Earns Recognition for 17 Practices and 44 Attorneys in 2011 *Chambers USA* Guide (June 10, 2011)
- Four Katten Partners Recognized by *Chambers Global* (November 12, 2010)
- Katten Welcomes Prominent Structured Finance Group (November 2, 2010)

Publications

- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 21 (January 2025)
- US Treasury and IRS Unveil Proposed Regulations for Commercial EV Tax Credit, Sparking Questions on Recapture Provisions (January 21, 2025)
- Supreme Court Finds CFPB Funding Constitutional (May 16, 2024)
- US Treasury Releases Final Regulations for $7,500 EV Tax Credit, Maintains Exclusions for Foreign Entities of Concern (May 3, 2024)
- Electric Vehicle Tax Credits: An Update | *Pratt's Energy Law Report* (May 2024)
- Third Circuit Says Statutory Trusts are ‘Covered Persons' Under Consumer Financial Protection Act (March 22, 2024)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 11 (February 2024)
- Updates on EV Tax Credits (February 26, 2024)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 2 (May 2023)
- Treasury and IRS Release Proposed Regulations on Consumer Electric Vehicle Tax Credits (April 10, 2023)
- Financial Markets and Funds Quick Take | Issue 11 (February 21, 2023)
- SEC Delays Enforcement of Rule 15c2-11 Compliance (January 31, 2023)
- Treasury Releases Guidance on Electric Vehicle Tax Credits (January 3, 2023)
- IRS Issues Guidance on "Qualified Manufacturer" Requirements for New Electric Vehicle Tax Credits (December 20, 2022)
- SCOTUS Ruling in FHFA Case: Unintended Consequences All Around (June 20, 2021)
- Structured Finance Year in Review and the Outlook for 2021 | Key Takeaways (December 23, 2020)

- ZING VII—Implications for the Bankruptcy Remoteness of Special Purpose Entities (September 28, 2011)
- *Corporate & Financial Weekly Digest* (Weekly) | *Author*

Presentations and Events

- Private Credit Connect: East 2026 (October 19–20, 2026)
- SFA Research Symposium 2026 (August 5, 2026)
- SFAcademy: The Bootcamp Series (2026)
- SFVegas 2026 (February 22–25, 2026) | *Co-presenter*
- SFVegas 2025 (February 23–26, 2025) | *Panelist*
- The 2024 Election and Its Effects on the Finance Industry (November 21, 2024) | *Speaker*
- SFVegas 2024 (February 25–28, 2024) | *Speaker* | *Policy Watch: Regulatory Landscape & the Impact on Structured Finance*
- SFVegas 2023 (February 26–March 1, 2023) | *Speaker* | *The Courts: Top Legal Issues Facing our Markets*
- 20th Annual Banking and Finance Forum (November 18, 2022)
- 28th Annual ABS East Conference (October 17–19, 2022) | *Panelist* | *Word from the Hill: Regulating the Capital Markets*
- SFVegas 2022 (July 17–20, 2022)
- Structured Finance Year in Review and the Outlook for 2021 (December 8 and 10, 2020) | *Moderator* | *The View From DC – Transition 2021*
- New Developments in Securitization 2020 (November 4, 2020) | *Panelist* | *Impact of COVID-19 on the Securitization Markets, Rulemaking, Regulatory Environment and more*
- SFVegas2020 (February 23–26, 2020) | *Panelist and Moderator* | *Impact of the Courts on Securitization* |*Financing Solutions, Not Metal: Equipment ABS*
- Lawyer Wellness: Addressing Substance Use and Mental Health in the Legal Profession (May 21, 2019) | *Presenter*
- SFIG Vegas 2019 (February 24–27, 2019) | *Participant* | *Considering the Potential Impact of Regulations on Liquidity: HQLA and Capital Treatment*
- 24th Annual ABS East Conference (September 23–25, 2018) | *Participant* | *Status Check on Regulatory Reform: What Has Been Accomplished, and the Scope for Additional Reform*

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- 3rd Annual Credit Risk Transfer Symposium (May 3, 2018)
- Residential Mortgage Finance Symposium 2017 (November 7–8, 2017) | *Panelist* | *Plenary Session: State of the Economy & Housing Fundamentals*
- 23rd Annual ABS East Conference (September 17–19, 2017) | *Speaker* | *What's the Latest in GSE Reform?*
- IMN's 2nd Annual Credit Risk Transfer Symposium (May 15, 2017) | *Moderator*
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- Current Major Issues in Marketplace Lending: Regulatory and Securitization Perspectives (November 10, 2016) | *Presenter*
- ABS Vegas 2016 (February 28–March 2, 2016) | *Moderator* | *GSE Reform 101*
- Techniques for Financing Energy-Efficient Improvements at Commercial Properties (February 18, 2015) | *Moderator*
- The Structured Finance Industry Group's Conference — ABS Vegas 2015 (February 8–11, 2015) | *Panelist* | *GSEs "The Right Now": Conservatorship in Transition*
- Techniques for Financing Energy Efficient Improvements at Commercial Properties (January 29, 2015) | *Moderator*
- New Developments in Securitization 2014 (December 4, 2014) | *Panelist* | *Examining Key Regulations Through a Global Lens*
- 14th Banking & Finance Forum (November 21, 2014) | *Panelist* | *Recent Legislative Developments in Banking & Finance Law*
- HFA Symposium: The Road Ahead for Mortgage Reform (May 21, 2014) | *Speaker*
- IMN's Second Annual Sunshine Backed Bonds Conference (May 2, 2014) | *Panelist* | *Overview of the U.S. Solar & Renewable Energy Industry: Identifying the Major Players, Assessing Growth Trends and Projections*
- The Structured Finance Industry Group's Conference – ABS Vegas 2014 (January 21–24, 2014) | *Panelist* | *Legal and Regulatory Issues Facing Esoteric ABS*
- IMN's First Annual Sunshine Backed Bonds Conference (May 3, 2013) | *Panelist* | *Risk Management: The Role of Data and Servicers in Solar ABS*

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- The Future of Multifamily Finance Reform (October 10, 2012) | *Moderator*
- American Securitization Forum 2012 (January 22–25, 2012) | *Speaker*
- American Securitization Forum 2011 (February 6–9, 2011) | *Speaker*