

Chad R. Doobay

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Chad Doobay arranges the financing that nonprofit organizations and state and local governments rely on for projects that benefit the public good. He represents a broad range of clients, including issuers, underwriters, borrowers and banks. He also advises health systems, educational organizations, and other vital community institutions throughout the United States on disclosure obligations, public and corporate approvals, deal structuring and post-issuance compliance.

Multiple Perspectives Translate to Valuable Insights

Chad has broad experience in both tax-exempt and taxable financings, including public offerings, direct purchases and private placements. He advises clients on financings involving a variety of structures, including fixed and variable rate, letter of credit, bond insurance and certificates of participation. He has also assisted clients in the bond financing mechanics relating to affiliation agreements, energy savings contracts, tender offers and forward-delivery agreements.

In all matters, Chad takes a highly collaborative approach, with clients noting that he is a “great collaborator” who “is detail-oriented, identifies problems and comes up with solutions (*Chambers USA* 2024).” He can understand different perspectives because, at various points, he has played every role in the financings he handles. Having counseled issuers, borrowers, underwriters and banks, he has insight into the issues that matter to each side and “is always bringing the team back to the key issues and focusing on what needs to be solved (*Chambers USA* 2024).”

Chad is dedicated to helping institutions that support healthy communities. In addition to hospitals and health systems, he advises universities, secondary schools, charter schools, continuing care retirement communities, museums, cultural institutions and transportation agencies throughout the United States on disclosure and other obligations in connection with financings. Chad's designation as an Emerging Leader by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and service on the board of directors of the National Immigrant Justice Center further reflect his commitment to the public good.

Practices

- Government and Public Finance
- Healthcare Finance
- Healthcare Tax Exempt

Industries

- Education

Education

- JD, University of Michigan Law School
- MPA, Princeton University
- BA, The University of Iowa, *Phi Beta Kappa, with honors and distinction*

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- New York
- Wisconsin

Professional & Community Involvement

- American College of Bond Counsel, Fellow
- Chicago Council on Global Affairs
- Humanity In Action, Senior Fellow
- National Association of Bond Lawyers
- National Immigrant Justice Center, Board of Directors, Chair

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Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Public Finance Law, 2027
  - Ones to Watch
    - Health Care Law, 2025–2026
    - Public Finance Law, 2025–2026
- *Chambers USA*
  - Public Finance, 2023–2026
- Chicago Council on Global Affairs
  - Emerging Leaders, 2018
- *Super Lawyers*
  - Illinois, 2025–2027; Rising Stars, 2014–2016
- Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP Pro Bono Service Award
  - 2011, 2024

News

- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2027 *Best Lawyers* Guide (August 20, 2026)
- Katten Climbs in *Chambers USA* 2026 Rankings (June 4, 2026)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 21, 2026)
- Katten's Rising Leaders Named to 2026 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® List (August 21, 2025)
- *Chambers USA* 2025 Ranks Katten as Leading Law Firm (June 5, 2025)
- Katten Attorneys Selected for 2025 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 31, 2025)
- Katten Team Serves as Bond Counsel in $286.9 Million Series 2023 Financing (December 13, 2024)
- Katten Team Represents Underwriters and Dealer Managers in $1.92 Billion Revenue Bond Transaction (December 13, 2024)

"Chad is extremely smart. He will give you balanced advice based on precedent and the market as it currently stands." "Chad is very supportive and solution-oriented."

***Chambers USA* 2025 (Illinois, Public Finance) survey response**

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- Katten Government and Public Finance Team Contributes to Multiple Winners at The Bond Buyer Deal of the Year Awards (December 9, 2024)
- Katten Celebrates 25th Annual Pro Bono Service Awards (October 25, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized as *Best Lawyers*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® Award Recipients (August 15, 2024)
- Katten Receives High Marks in *Chambers USA* Guide 2024 (June 6, 2024)
- Janet Goelz Hoffman and Chad Doobay Quoted by *Bloomberg Law* on Succession Planning Successes (November 17, 2023)
- Chad Doobay Named Co-Chair of NIJC Leadership Board (September 25, 2023)
- Katten Boosts Rankings in *Chambers USA Guide 2023* (June 1, 2023)
- Chad Doobay Named American College of Bond Counsel Fellow (October 14, 2022)
- Chad Doobay Joins Chicago Council on Global Affairs Study Delegation to Korea (October 2019)
- Katten Partners With Embarc to Mentor Chicago Public School Students (February 20, 2018)
- Chad Doobay Named to Emerging Leaders Class of 2018 by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs (August 28, 2017)
- Katten Names New Partners (August 1, 2017)
- Forty-Seven Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2016 Illinois *Super Lawyers* List (January 8, 2016)
- Fifty-Three Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2015 Illinois *Super Lawyers* List (January 12, 2015)
- Fifty-Four Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2014 Illinois *Super Lawyers* List (January 13, 2014)
- Katten's *Pro Bono* Program Featured in *Chicago Lawyer* (September 2011)
- Katten Announces Recipients of 12th Annual Pro Bono Service Awards and Special Pro Bono Leadership Award (July 6, 2011)

Publications

- Asylum Seekers Need Helping Hand (March 18, 2019)

- Municipal Advisors and "Bank Purchase" Bonds: What's All the Commotion About? (April 23, 2015)
- Toward Durable Solutions for the Internally Displaced in Bosnia and Herzegovina (January 15, 2014)
- Transactional Attorneys and *Pro Bono* Asylum Work—A Much Better Match Than You Might Think (October 18, 2011)

Presentations and Events

- Council of Development Finance Agencies—Illinois Roundtable (May 1, 2017) | *Panelist* | *Latest Developments in the Illinois Bond Market*
- Zeigler Analytical Team Meeting (June 30, 2011) | *Speaker* | *Continuing Disclosure Fundamentals*