

Daniel M. Entsminger

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Private Credit

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Daniel Entsminger primarily focuses his practice on assisting lending institutions close middle-market credit facilities. With an emphasis on leveraged buyout acquisition finance transactions, Daniel works with his clients to create a smooth process from deal initiation to closing and funding. Daniel understands what it takes to close transactions in a timely and efficient manner, and he recognizes the need to proactively assist clients in managing relationships with their borrower-side customers.

Smoothing the way for complex transactions

With a breadth of knowledge and experience on various types and sizes of financing transactions, including the initial structuring and documentation of financing transactions, as well as the work-out of distressed transactions. Daniel can quickly identify issues and suggest potential resolutions. He focuses on helping lending clients analyze, respond and negotiate terms and lending structures requested by their borrower clients, identifying issues from a legal or practical business perspective and counselling clients as to whether or not they can ultimately agree or if there is a need to push back on fundamental issues. Daniel also has extensive experience with financing transactions in healthcare and life sciences industries, including transactions with borrowers involved in a variety of regulated businesses as well as structuring transactions with businesses subject to corporate practice of medicine regulations, which structures often present particular concerns for lenders.

Daniel's experience includes several distinct lending products, including secured first and second lien senior and unsecured mezzanine loans, loans to distressed companies.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Chambers USA*
  - Banking & Finance, 2025-2026

Practices

- Healthcare Finance
- Healthcare Restructuring
- Healthcare Services Private Equity
- Independent Sponsors
- Private Credit

Education

- JD, Northwestern University School of Law
- BA, Wittenberg University

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association

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News

- Katten Climbs in *Chambers USA* 2026 Rankings (June 4, 2026)
- *Chambers USA* 2025 Ranks Katten as Leading Law Firm (June 5, 2025)
- Katten Elects 14 New Partners (July 5, 2011)

"Dan has decades of experience in the space and remains highly relevant, understanding leading market terms."

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(Illinois, Banking & Finance)
survey response