



Valentina Famparska

Partner

Transactional Tax Planning

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Valentina Famparska concentrates her practice on the federal income tax aspects of complex business transactions and entities, including mergers, acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, private equity investments, formation of private equity and real estate funds, formation of joint ventures and partnerships, formation of family offices, structuring investments in and acquisitions or dispositions of medical practices, investments in and acquisitions or sales of professional sports teams, and management compensation.

Tax-efficient transactions

Valentina also works with the firm's health care practice, sports and sports facilities practices, financial services practice and the trusts & estates practice on various tax matters. In addition, she provides tax planning advice to family-owned and other closely held businesses as well as family offices.

Valentina's representative transactions include private equity and M&A transactions for clients including North Branch Capital, BBH Capital Partners, PSP Partners and Equity Group Investments.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Tax Law, 2019–2026
- *Chambers USA*
 - Tax, 2021–2025
- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Recommended Attorney, 2014–2015, 2017, 2019–2025

Practices

- Health Care Services Private Equity
- Independent Sponsors
- International
- Investment Management and Trading
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Private Equity and Real Estate Fund Formation
- Transactional Tax Planning

Industries

- Manufacturing and Industrials Private Equity
- Private Client Services
- Sports and Sports Facilities

Education

- JD, Loyola University Chicago School of Law
- JD, Sofia University

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

Community Involvements

- American Bar Association

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News

- Katten Advises Marc Zahr and the Chaifetz Group in Acquisition of Portland Trail Blazers (March 31, 2026)
- Katten Represents Bel Fuse in Acquisition of dataMate (March 10, 2026)
- Katten Team Guides Williams Family Investment in Spartan Media Ventures (December 15, 2025)
- 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)
- Katten Team Advises Chicago White Sox on Long-Term Ownership Investment Agreement (June 6, 2025)
- *Chambers USA 2025* Ranks Katten as Leading Law Firm (June 5, 2025)
- Katten Represents Larry H. Miller Family Company in Acquisition of Real Salt Lake and Utah Royals (April 22, 2025)
- Katten Counsels Maxwell Street Capital Partners in Port Jersey Logistics Investment (April 4, 2025)
- Katten Represents PRISM Vision Group in Definitive Agreement to Sell Controlling Interest to McKesson (February 6, 2025)
- Katten Team Represents Perdoceo Education Corporation in Acquisition of University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (December 20, 2024)
- Katten Team Represents Investment Group in Acquisition of Tampa Bay Lightning Stake (November 1, 2024)
- Katten Represents Pfingsten Partners in Sale of RapidAir to Gryphon Investors (October 23, 2024)
- Katten Represents TraceGains in Acquisition by Veralto (October 10, 2024)
- 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)

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"Valentina provides great service and is extremely knowledgeable in tax planning." "She's an extremely creative thinker."

***Chambers USA 2025
(Illinois, Tax) survey response***

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- Katten's Representation of Pinstripes Recognized as a 2024 Middle-Market Deal of the Year by *Mergers & Acquisitions Magazine* (May 17, 2024)
- Katten Advises Peak Mining in Purchase of 300MW Mining Data Center Site (January 16, 2024)
- Katten Represents KnowledgeHound in Acquisition By YouGov (January 12, 2024)
- Katten Represented Pinstripes in Combination With Banyan Acquisition Corporation (January 12, 2024)
- Katten Represents Buyers Acquiring Controlling Ownership Interest in Dallas Mavericks (January 4, 2024)
- Katten Represents Highlander Partners in Benestar Brands Merger With Palmex (December 18, 2023)
- Katten Guides Computing Firm's \$45M Deal To Buy Tech Biz | *Law360* (December 13, 2023)
- Katten Represents Buyer Group in Majority Stake Purchase of Charlotte Hornets (September 6, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers®* (August 17, 2023)
- Katten Lauded in The Legal 500 United States 2023 (June 9, 2023)
- Katten Team Advises MBX on its Acquisition by AHEAD, Boosting its Engineering Capabilities (June 9, 2023)
- Katten Boosts Rankings in *Chambers USA Guide 2023* (June 1, 2023)
- 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 Represented Growing Urology Practice AUI in Its Affiliation With Solaris Health (March 10, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Help Drive \$3.2 Billion US Car Dealership Deal (October 6, 2021)
- 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)

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- Katten Represents Utopia Global in Sale to Prometheus Group (October 21, 2020)
- Katten Represents Cubii in a Strategic Growth Investment from Gridiron Capital (October 7, 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 Represents Chicago-Based Health Care Data and Analytics Provider, Lumere, in Acquisition by Global Healthcare Exchange (February 10, 2020)
- Katten Team Represents Leading Ortho and Neurosurgery Provider in Growth Capital Investment Deal (July 11, 2019)
- Katten Praised in The Legal 500 United States 2019 Guide (June 11, 2019)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States 2017* (May 31, 2017)
- Katten Represents Gerchen Keller Capital in Acquisition by Burford Capital Limited (December 14, 2016)
- Katten Represents INTL FCStone Inc. in Acquisition of G.X. Clarke & Co. (November 14, 2014)
- Eight Katten Practices and Forty-Two Attorneys Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States 2014* (July 3, 2014)
- Five Katten Practices Recognized by *Legal 500* in 2011 US Edition (June 16, 2011)
- Katten Represents Detroit Pistons in Sale of NBA Franchise (June 6, 2011)
- Katten Advises Detroit Pistons in Sale to Billionaire Investor Tom Gores (April 11, 2011)
- Four Katten Practices Recommended by *Legal 500* in 2010 US Edition (June 14, 2010)
- Katten Tax Planning Practice Recognized in the *Tax Directors Handbook 2010* (December 2009)
- Katten Represents New Ownership Group in Acquisition of Right to Operate Philadelphia MLS Expansion Team (March 3, 2008)
- Katten Represents Sterling Capital Partners and Management Team of Educate Inc. in \$600 Million Going-Private Deal (June 26, 2007)
- Katten Names 11 New Partners (April 4, 2007)

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Publications

- Key Takeaways From the Carried Interest Proposed Regulations (August 21, 2020)
- Structuring Acquisitive Transactions in Difficult Times (June 11, 2020)
- Tax Implications of Debt Restructuring and Workouts During Difficult Times (April 27, 2020)
- The CARES Act Stimulus Bill: Tax Changes to Improve Liquidity for Businesses, Assist Employers and Stimulate the Economy (April 6, 2020)
- Electing Out of the New Partnership Rules (March 13, 2019)
- New Proposed Rules Limit the Negative Tax Consequences of Section 956 "Deemed Dividends" (November 5, 2018)
- Are You Ready for the New Partnership Audit Regime? (July 12, 2018)
- House Bill and Senate Republicans' Bill: Impact on Hedge and Commodity Fund Investors and Managers (November 15, 2017)
- Tax Reform: Hedge Funds/Commodity Funds/Fund Managers (November 8, 2017)
- New Partnership Audit Regime Set to Take Effect in 2018, Proactive Planning Recommended (August 7, 2017)
- Structuring Equity Interests for Independent Sponsors (June 28, 2016)
- New Rules for US Withholding on Dividend-Equivalent Payments (February 6, 2012)
- IRS Attacks "Barrier Options" and Treats Optionholder as Owning the Underlying Securities (December 16, 2010)
- Stimulus Bill Allows Deferral of COD Income Realized from Repurchases of Debt at a Discount (March 18, 2009)

Presentations and Events

- 2025 Private Wealth Seminar – Chicago (October 30, 2025) | *Presenter | Business Income Tax Planning in Light of the Big Beautiful Bill*
- IPI Fall Investment Forum (September 11-12, 2025)

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- 2024 Private Wealth and Fiduciary Seminar Chicago (October 30, 2024) | *Speaker | Sunsetting TCJA 2025 and The Election*
- Annual Katten Private Wealth & Fiduciary Seminar (October 11, 2023)
- Annual Katten Private Wealth and Fiduciary Seminar (September 22, 2022)