



Lewis Greenbaum

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As bond and underwriter's counsel, Lewis Greenbaum advises state and local governments, nonprofits and public-private partnerships on a range of general obligation and revenue bond financings. With a public finance practice spanning more than 48 years, Lew has been involved in hundreds of high-profile public projects and public-private partnerships.

More than 48 years' experience in public finance law

Lew also advises on public finance legislation. He is the co-author of the Local Government Debt Reform Act and the Municipal Bond Reform Act, two important statutes designed to modernize the public finance law of Illinois. Lew drafted the legislation that authorized tax increment allocation financing for the District of Columbia.

Lew's clients include the City of Chicago, the Chicago Board of Education, the Chicago Transit Authority, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, the University of Illinois, the State of Illinois, the Illinois Finance Authority and many Illinois municipalities.

Lew has counseled on public-private initiatives, including the Gallery Center in Washington, DC, projects for the cities of Chicago, Milwaukee, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh and Allentown. He also helps on major airport and public utility projects, such as the Snettisham Hydroelectric project in Juneau, Alaska, the Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project in Alaska, St. Louis Lambert Airport and Indianapolis Airport.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Municipal Law, 2009–2027
 - Public Finance Law, 2027
- *Chambers USA*
 - Public Finance, 2023–2026

Practices

- Capital Markets
- Financial Markets and Funds
- Government and Public Finance
- Infrastructure and P3

Industries

- Energy
- Family Offices
- Finance and Financial Markets
- Sports and Sports Facilities

Education

- JD, Georgetown University Law Center
- BA, New York University

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- New York

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- *Leading Lawyers Network*
 - Top 10 Public Finance Lawyers, 2015
- *Super Lawyers*
 - Illinois, 2005, 2007, 2009–2027
- The Bond Buyer
 - Hall of Fame, 2026

News

- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2027 *Best Lawyers* Guide (August 20, 2026)
- Lewis Greenbaum Inducted Into *The Bond Buyer's* 2026 Hall of Fame Class (August 18, 2026)
- Katten Advises State of Illinois on \$486 Million Build Illinois Bond Issuance (June 25, 2026)
- Katten Climbs in *Chambers USA* 2026 Rankings (June 4, 2026)
- Katten Serves as Co-Bond Counsel to Chicago Transit Authority on \$528 Million Bond Financing (February 19, 2026)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 21, 2026)
- Katten Serves as Bond Counsel in \$87 Million WIFIA Loan for Joliet (January 20, 2026)
- Katten Celebrates 101 Attorneys Honored by *Best Lawyers*® (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 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)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 25, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers*® (August 17, 2023)
- Katten Boosts Rankings in *Chambers USA Guide* 2023 (June 1, 2023)

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- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2023 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 24, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® (August 18, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2022 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 28, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (August 19, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Chosen for 2021 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 29, 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 Attorneys Selected to 2020 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 29, 2020)
- Super Lawyers Lists Honor More Than 50 Katten Attorneys in Illinois (January 24, 2019)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2018 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 25, 2018)
- Katten Selected as the "Go-To" Firm for Sports Law in Chicago (July 27, 2017)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2017 Illinois *Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars Lists (January 13, 2017)
- 79 Katten Attorneys Selected for *Best Lawyers in America*® 2017 (August 15, 2016)
- Forty-Seven Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2016 Illinois *Super Lawyers* List (January 8, 2016)
- 91 Katten Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2016 (August 17, 2015)
- Fifty-Three Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2015 Illinois *Super Lawyers* List (January 12, 2015)
- 85 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2015 (August 18, 2014)
- Fifty-Four Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2014 Illinois *Super Lawyers* List (January 13, 2014)
- Katten's Work on the Goethals Bridge Replacement Project Highlighted (November 8, 2013)

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- 83 Katten Attorneys Lauded in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2014 (August 15, 2013)
- Sixty-Nine Katten Attorneys Included on 2013 Illinois *Super Lawyers* List (January 4, 2013)
- 80 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2013 Guide (August 24, 2012)
- Katten's Work on the Elizabeth River Crossings Project Highlighted (June 1, 2012)
- Katten's Work on the Intercounty Connector Project Highlighted (June 1, 2012)
- Eighty-Six Katten Attorneys Named 2012 Illinois Super Lawyers (February 28, 2012)
- 75 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2012 Guide (September 12, 2011)
- 70 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2011 (August 9, 2010)
- Katten's Work on the Transbay Transit Center Highlighted (August 1, 2010)
- Katten Represents US Department of Transportation in \$171 Million Financing of San Francisco Transbay Transit Center (January 28, 2010)
- 66 Katten Attorneys Named to 2010 List of *Best Lawyers in America*® (August 5, 2009)
- 50 Katten Attorneys Named to 2009 List of *Best Lawyers in America*® (September 23, 2008)
- Craig M. Scully Joins Firm as Partner in the Public Finance Practice (February 21, 2006)

Publications

- The SEC's Heightened Scrutiny of Broker-Dealer Municipal Securities Underwriting and Public Entity Sales Practices (February 29, 2012)