

Janet Goelz Hoffman

Senior Counsel and Pro Bono Counsel

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As pro bono counsel, Janet Goelz Hoffman works in collaboration with Katten's director of pro bono services to coordinate the firm’s transactional pro bono portfolio. This work is an outgrowth of Janet’s approximately 40 years of helping nonprofit organizations find a productive balance between their missions and their margins. During those decades of experience, she provided counsel to nonprofit organizations in 35 states involving several billion dollars of financings, benefiting hospital systems, cultural and educational institutions, and continuing care retirement communities. Janet continues to advise nonprofit organizations on board governance and conflict of interest issues. Janet is known for her calm, visionary approach to complex issues encountered by the firm’s billable and pro bono clients.

Dedicated to supporting the community

In addition, Janet is quite active in community organizations. She is the chair of the board of directors of the Leslie Shankman School Corporation that owns and operates the Hyde Park Day School and the Sonia Shankman Orthogenic School. She is a member of the board of directors and the executive committee of Covenant Living Communities and Services. She is a member of the Foundation for the Educational Development of Children. She has served on the board of directors of both Three Crowns Park (chair, 2012–2013) and Three Crowns Foundation. Three Crowns Foundation supports Three Crowns Park, a 125-year-old retirement community. Additionally, she was on the team that successfully negotiated a new electricity franchise with Commonwealth Edison on behalf of the City of Evanston, Illinois.

Janet has been a frequent panelist at the National Association of Bond Lawyers' Bond Attorneys' Workshop and annually contributed to Financial Products: Taxation, Regulation and Design (CCH) with respect to municipal securities.

Practices

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

Education

- JD, Northwestern University School of Law
- BA, Lake Forest College

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

Court Admissions

- US Tax Court

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association
- American College of Bond Counsel
- Covenant Living Communities and Services, Board of Directors
- Foundation for the Educational Development of Children, Board of Directors
- Leslie Shankman School Corporation, Chair, Board of Directors

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Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- American College of Bond Counsel
  - Fellow
- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Public Finance Law, 2006–2027
- *Crain's Chicago Business*
  - Notable Women in Law, 2024
- *Super Lawyers*
  - Illinois, 2009–2024

News

- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2027 *Best Lawyers* Guide (August 20, 2026)
- Katten Celebrates 101 Attorneys Honored by *Best Lawyers*® (August 21, 2025)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized as *Best Lawyers*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® Award Recipients (August 15, 2024)
- Leslie Minier, Kimberly Smith and Janet Hoffman Recognized by *Crain's* as Notable Women in Law (February 23, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Named to 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 25, 2024)
- Janet Goelz Hoffman and Chad Doobay Quoted by *Bloomberg Law* on Succession Planning Successes (November 17, 2023)
- Social Services Strengthened in Chicago Area With Merger Facilitated by Katten (October 26, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers*® (August 17, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2023 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 24, 2023)
- Katten Advises in Transfer of Assets of Invisible Hands in Pro Bono Matter (September 19, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® (August 18, 2022)
- *ABA Journal* Profiles Janet Goelz Hoffman (July 28, 2022)

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- Katten Attorneys Discuss Link Between Pro Bono and Well-Being on *Pro Bono Happy Hour* Podcast (June 3, 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 Recognized as ABA Free Legal Answers 2020 Pro Bono Leader by American Bar Association (February 16, 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 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)
- Katten Honors 13 Attorneys for Outstanding Pro Bono Service (June 29, 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)
- 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)
- Eighty-Six Katten Attorneys Named 2012 Illinois Super Lawyers (February 28, 2012)
- Five Katten Attorneys Named *Best Lawyers'* 2012 Lawyers of the Year (October 6, 2011)
- 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 Client Roosevelt University Named a National Finalist for Council of Development Finance Agencies' "Best 2009 Bond Deal" (April 9, 2010)
- Public Finance Transaction Named Midwest Deal of the Year by *The Bond Buyer* (November 2009)
- 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)
- 46 Katten Attorneys Named to 2008 List of *Best Lawyers in America*® (October 31, 2007)

Presentations and Events

- Mastering Disclosure in a Post-MCDC World: Hot Topics in SEC and IRS Bond Enforcement (July 14, 2015) | *Panelist*
- Council of Development Finance Agencies—Illinois Roundtable (May 12, 2015) | *Panelist* | *Post-Issuance Compliance With SEC and IRS Bond Requirements*