Michael A. Jacobson

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Michael Jacobson represents issuers, lenders and investors in a wide variety of commercial finance matters. He regularly assists them with senior, first-lien, second-lien, unitranche and mezzanine financings and structures.

The full spectrum of commercial finance

Michael frequently handles cash flow and asset-based transactions, leveraged buyouts and buildups, recapitalizations, restructurings and workouts. He has extensive experience negotiating the complex intercreditor arrangements these deals can require. He also routinely represents agents, lead arrangers, lenders, asset managers and other investors (both regulated and nonregulated) in a wide range of financings and structures. They include bilateral, clubbed and broadly syndicated deals, unitranche structures (including "first out, last out" arrangements), senior secured and second-lien credit facilities and cross-border financings. Michael also helps investors consummating equity co-investments and equity "kickers."

While his practice spans a variety of industries, Michael frequently works on financings involving businesses in healthcare, software and technology, and sports and entertainment.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Banking and Finance Law, 2010–2027
- *Chambers USA*
  - Banking & Finance, 2006–2026
- *Super Lawyers*
  - Illinois, 2007–2008, 2013–2019
- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Recommended Attorney, 2015–2026

Practices

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

Industries

- Manufacturing and Industrials Private Equity
- Sports and Sports Facilities

Education

- JD, DePaul University College of Law
- BBA, The University of Iowa

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

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News

- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2027 *Best Lawyers* Guide (August 20, 2026)
- Katten Earns Top Rankings in the Legal 500 US 2026 Guide (June 10, 2026)
- Katten Climbs in *Chambers USA* 2026 Rankings (June 4, 2026)
- Michael Jacobson Profiled as *ABF Journal* 2026 Rainmaker in Private Credit (May 18, 2026)
- Katten Brings on Mohammed Alvi, Building Its Premier Private Credit Practice (February 2, 2026)
- Katten Adds Alexander Volsky, PhD in Dallas, Growing its Top Private Credit Practice (November 21, 2025)
- Katten Expands Noted Private Credit Group With Complex Financing Pro R. Kader Crawford (September 10, 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)
- *Chambers USA* 2025 Ranks Katten as Leading Law Firm (June 5, 2025)
- Katten Premier Private Credit Practice Grows With New Partner in New York (November 5, 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)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers*® (August 17, 2023)
- Katten Lauded in The Legal 500 United States 2023 (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)

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- Katten Ranked Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2022 (June 1, 2022)
- *American Lawyer* Features KattenFlex Workplace Return Program (April 7, 2022)
- Katten Brings On New Private Credit Partner in LA (February 14, 2022)
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource Center (November 10, 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)
- *Bloomberg* and *Middle Market* Feature Katten's 2021 Private Credit Survey Report (May 13, 2021)
- Katten Launches 2021 Private Credit Survey Report (April 8, 2021)
- Katten Pulls in Top Bankruptcy Attorney Skilled at Helping Lenders (February 17, 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 Rated Top Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2020 (April 23, 2020)
- Michael Jacobson Discusses Impact of Companies Tapping Commercial Revolvers During COVID-19 Crisis (April 22, 2020)
- Katten Grows Its Commercial Finance Practice on East and West Coasts (April 20, 2020)
- Katten Praised in The Legal 500 United States 2019 Guide (June 11, 2019)
- Katten Lauded Top Ranked Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2019 (April 25, 2019)
- Super Lawyers Lists Honor More Than 50 Katten Attorneys in Illinois (January 24, 2019)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* (June 14, 2018)
- Katten's Commercial Finance Practice Gains New York Partner (June 7, 2018)

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- Katten Rated as Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2018 (May 3, 2018)
- Katten Adds Talent in Insolvency and Restructuring and in Commercial Finance (March 12, 2018)
- Connie Fratianni Joins Katten's Commercial Finance Practice in New York (January 19, 2018)
- Katten Selected as the "Go-To" Firm for Sports Law in Chicago (July 27, 2017)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* 2017 (May 31, 2017)
- Katten Recognized as Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2017 (May 30, 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)
- Eighteen Katten Practices and 70 Attorneys Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* 2016 (June 17, 2016)
- *Chambers USA* 2016 Distinguishes 22 Katten Practices and 50 Attorneys (May 27, 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)
- Katten Attains 22 Practice and 58 Attorney Rankings by *Chambers USA* 2015 (May 20, 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)
- Eight Katten Practices and Forty-Two Attorneys Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* 2014 (July 3, 2014)
- *Chambers USA* 2014 Distinguishes 24 Katten Practices and 54 Attorneys (May 23, 2014)
- Fifty-Four Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2014 Illinois *Super Lawyers* List (January 13, 2014)

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- 83 Katten Attorneys Lauded in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2014 (August 15, 2013)
- Katten Represents Sacramento Basketball Holdings in Purchase of NBA's Sacramento Kings (May 31, 2013)
- *Chambers USA* 2013 Recognizes 24 Katten Practices and 49 Attorneys (May 24, 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)
- *Chambers USA* 2012 Distinguishes 19 Katten Practices and 45 Attorneys (June 7, 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)
- Katten Earns Recognition for 17 Practices and 44 Attorneys in 2011 *Chambers USA* Guide (June 10, 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)
- Katten Represents GSW Sports in Purchase of NBA’s Golden State Warriors (November 15, 2010)
- 70 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2011 (August 9, 2010)
- Katten Lands 16 Practices and 39 Attorneys in *Chambers USA* Guide (June 24, 2010)
- Partner Michael Jacobson Quoted in *Financier Worldwide* on Intercreditor Agreements (September 2009)
- 66 Katten Attorneys Named to 2010 List of *Best Lawyers in America*® (August 5, 2009)
- Katten Lands 14 Practices and 37 Attorneys in *Chambers USA* Guide (June 12, 2009)
- Katten Lands 14 Practices and 32 Attorneys in *Chambers USA* Guide (June 13, 2008)

- Katten Lands 15 Practices and 28 Attorneys in *Chambers USA* Guide (June 15, 2007)
- Katten Lands 12 Practices and 24 Attorneys in *Chambers USA* Guide (June 7, 2006)

Publications

- AI in Private Credit: Key Considerations for Market Participants (June 1, 2026)

Presentations and Events

- SBA Loans Under the CARES Act in Response to COVID-19 (April 2, 2020) | *Speaker*
- Current Trends: Debt Financings for Private Equity-Backed Companies in the Middle Market (July 20, 2016) | *Moderator*