

Alvin Katz

Senior Counsel

Real Estate

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Described as "an absolutely first-class lawyer" with "tremendous expertise in fund formation and joint ventures" by industry publications such as *The Legal 500 US*, Alvin Katz has been helping real estate investors and developers close their most important deals for more than 40 years. Over that time he has worked with virtually every real estate asset class, including office buildings, multifamily properties, data centers, industrial facilities, mixed-use developments, senior housing, student housing, retail centers, hotels and healthcare facilities. Through multiple real estate cycles, in good times and bad, Alvin's experience and judgment have guided his clients to achieve their goals.

"Outstanding . . . as good as it gets"

Alvin has been ranked in the top tier of Chicago real estate attorneys by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* for each of the past 20 years, where clients praise his "exceptional intelligence" and describe him as "a phenomenal wealth of knowledge" who is "incredibly smart, experienced and practical," "a really good lawyer with great business sense," "[f]antastic … stellar at explaining key points during transactions...a go-to lawyer who is at the top of his game," and "a smart and sophisticated attorney who absolutely deserves his top-tier ranking" and whose "experience is nearly unparalleled." Alvin is a frequent speaker at real estate industry conferences and continuing education programs for lawyers and real estate professionals. In recognition of his accomplishments in real estate law, he has been selected for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Real Estate Law, 2006–2027
- *Chambers USA*

Practices

- Real Estate
- Real Estate Acquisitions, Dispositions and Joint Ventures
- Corporate
- Private Equity
- Private Equity and Real Estate Fund Formation

Industries

- Hospitality
- Manufacturing and Industrials Private Equity
- Family Offices
- Construction

Education

- JD, Stanford University Law School
- BA, University of Michigan, *magna cum laude with honors in Economics*

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

Professional & Community Involvement

- American College of Real Estate Lawyers, Fellow
- Ravinia Festival, Trustee
- Chicago Architecture Center, Trustee Emeritus
- Chicago Furniture Bank, Board of Directors
- Economic Club of Chicago
- Urban Land Institute

- Real Estate, 2004–2026
- *Guide to the World's Leading Real Estate Lawyers*
- *Leading Lawyers Network*
  - 2003–2026
  - Top 100 Real Estate-Related Lawyers
- *Super Lawyers*
  - Illinois, 2005–2026
- *The International Who's Who of Real Estate Lawyers*
  - 2014–2021
- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Recommended Attorney, 2019–2020, 2022–2023, 2026
- Lexology Index
  - Real Estate
- Thomson Reuters
  - Stand-out Lawyer, 2026

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)
- 13 Katten Attorneys Honored Among *Thomson Reuters* Stand-out Lawyers (February 5, 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 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)

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- 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 Selected to 2023 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 24, 2023)
- Katten Recognizes Attorneys for Outstanding Pro Bono Service (October 28, 2022)
- 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 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 Boosts Rankings in *Chambers USA* 2021 (May 20, 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 Rated Top Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2020 (April 23, 2020)
- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2020 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 29, 2020)
- 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 Rated as Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2018 (May 3, 2018)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2018 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 25, 2018)
- Katten Recognized as Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2017 (May 30, 2017)

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- 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)
- Alvin Katz Quoted in Law360 on Top Trends in Chicago Real Estate (September 22, 2015)
- 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)
- 83 Katten Attorneys Lauded in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2014 (August 15, 2013)
- Six Katten Practices and Twenty-Four Attorneys Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* 2013 (June 4, 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)
- Five Katten Practices Recognized by *Legal 500* in 2011 US Edition (June 16, 2011)
- Katten Earns Recognition for 17 Practices and 44 Attorneys in 2011 *Chambers USA* Guide (June 10, 2011)
- Katten Represents Tishman Speyer, Pritzker Realty Group in High-Profile Real Estate Transactions (February 2011)
- Katten Welcomes Alvin Katz as Chicago-Based Real Estate Partner (July 19, 2010)

Publications

- Removing The Operating Member Of A Real Estate Joint Venture | *The Practical Real Estate Lawyer Journal* (July 2024)
- Exiting the Real Estate Joint Venture | *The ACREL Papers* (Spring 2011)

Presentations and Events

- Alternative Real Estate Investment Strategies for Family Offices (March 10, 2026)
- Winter Real Estate Private Funds (January 21–23, 2026)
- 21st Annual Winter Forum on Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing (January 22–24, 2025) | *Moderator* | *Crystal Balling the Future: Large Fund Perspectives*
- 20th Annual Winter Forum on Real Estate Opportunity & Private Fund Investing (January 16–19, 2024)
- 19th Annual Winter Forum on Real Estate Opportunity & Private Fund Investing (January 18–20, 2023) | *Moderator* | *Crystal Balling the Future: Large Fund Perspectives*
- Real Estate Private Equity Funds Virtual Forum (December 8, 2020) | *Moderator* | *Crystal Balling the Future: Large Fund Perspectives*
- 17th Annual Winter Forum on Real Estate Opportunity & Private Fund Investing (January 2020) | *Moderator* | *Large Fund Panel*

- PLI Annual Commercial Real Estate Institute (October 2019) | *Joint Ventures*
- 16th Annual Winter Forum on Real Estate Opportunity & Private Fund Investing (January 2019) | *Moderator* | *Large Fund Panel*
- Real Estate Joint Ventures Series: Exit Mechanisms and Dispute Resolutions in Real Estate Joint Ventures (April 4, 2018) | *Speaker* | *Exit Mechanisms and Dispute Resolutions in Real Estate Joint Ventures*
- 15th Annual Winter Forum on Real Estate Opportunity & Private Fund Investing (January 2018) | *Moderator* | *Large Fund Panel Plenary: Navigating Uncharted Territory*
- 14th US Real Estate Opportunity & Private Fund Investing Forum (January 2017) | *Moderator* | *The Bulls vs. the Bears — Investing in CRE in 2017*
- 13th Annual Winter Forum On Real Estate Opportunity & Private Fund Investing (January 20–22, 2016) | *Moderator* | *Large Fund Plenary*
- 12th Annual Winter Forum on Real Estate Opportunity & Private Fund Investing (January 2015) | *Moderator* | *Large Fund Plenary: The Risk-Reward Balance — New Rules for a New Era?*
- Law Seminars International, Fifth Annual Conference on Commercial Real Estate Leases (October 6–7, 2014) | *Panelist* | *Negotiating Leases in an Improving Economic Environment*
- 11th Annual Winter Forum on Real Estate Opportunity & Private Fund Investing (January 2014) | *Moderator* | *Large Fund Plenary: How To Look At Deals In the Current Climate*
- A Comprehensive Two-Day Conference on Commercial Real Estate Leases (September 16–17, 2013) | *Presenter* | *Updating Your Tactical Play Book: The Current 10 Most Hotly Contested Issues*
- 10th US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum (January 2013) | *Moderator* | *Large Fund Plenary: Making Outsized Returns in an Illiquid Asset Class*
- US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum (May 2012) | *Moderator* | *Large Fund Plenary: Looking to Core and Core-Plus Assets*
- US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum (January 2012) | *Moderator* | *Large Fund Plenary: Increasing Deal Flow in an Evolving and Challenging Climate*

- Exiting the Joint Venture, The American College of Real Estate Lawyers Fall Meeting (October 2011)
- US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum (June 2011) | *Moderator* | *Large Fund Plenary: Strategies for Fund Investing Today*
- US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum (January 2011) | *Moderator* | *Large Fund Plenary: Positioning for Opportunities in 2011*
- US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum (June 2010) | *Moderator* | *Large Fund Plenary: Where Are the Outsized Returns Today?*
- US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum (January 2010) | *Moderator* | *Large Fund Plenary: How Does the Fund Model Need to Evolve?*
- Updating Your Playbook for Negotiating Key Lease Provisions, Advanced Commercial Real Estate Leasing Conference presented by Law Seminars International (November 2009)
- US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum (June 2009) | *Moderator* | *Large Fund Plenary: What Will It Take to Get Back in the Market?*
- US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum (January 2009) | *Moderator* | *Large Fund Plenary: Making Money in a Recessionary Environment*
- European Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum (October 2008) | *US Residential Distress: On Sale or Too Risky?*
- Negotiating Key Lease Provisions, Advanced Commercial Real Estate Leasing Conference presented by Law Seminars International (September 2008)
- Symposium on Distressed Real Estate (July 2008) | *Two Heads Are Better Than One: Evaluating Joint Ventures for Distressed Assets,*
- US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum (May 2008) | *Moderator* | *Large Fund Plenary: Navigating the World of Uncertainty*
- The Dance of Negotiation, Advanced Real Estate Purchases and Sales Conference presented by Law Seminars International (March 2008)

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- US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum (January 2008) | *Moderator* | *Large Fund Plenary: Outlook for Opportunistic Investing*
- US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum (May 2007) | *Moderator* | *Fund Sponsors Strategy Roundtable*
- US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum (January 2007) | *Moderator* | *Fund Sponsors Investment Strategy Roundtable*
- Negotiating Key Lease Provisions, Advanced Commercial Real Estate Leasing Conference presented by Law Seminars International (September 2006)
- US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum (July 2006) | *Moderator* | *Large Fund Plenary: Evaluating Joint Venture Options*
- US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum (January 2006) | *Moderator* | *Large Fund Plenary: Where Are Your Investments on the Return Scale?*
- US Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing Forum (June 2005) | *Moderator* | *Large Fund Plenary: Joint Ventures: Exploring the Keys to Successful Partnerships*
- Forum on Real Estate Opportunity and Private Fund Investing (January 2005) | *What Is Your Investment Strategy?*
- Real Estate Opportunity Fund Forum (June 2004) | *Structuring Successful Joint Ventures*
- Structuring the Joint Venture Investment, Institutional Real Estate Investment Forum presented by Strategic Research Institute (January 2004)
- Structuring Real Estate Investments Under ERISA, for the National Council of Real Estate Investment Fiduciaries (2003)
- Negotiating Commercial Leases: How Owners and Corporate Occupants Can Avoid Costly Errors, presented by Practicing Law Institute (2003)
- Negotiating the Anchor Tenant Lease, presented by the Chicago Bar Association (2003)