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Co-head of Katten's National Capital Markets practice, Lawrence Levin is a highly skilled and client-focused practitioner with extensive experience representing public and private companies and their boards, as well as investment banks, in a wide variety of transactional and corporate governance matters.

Pragmatic approach to corporate and securities matters

Recognized as a leading attorney by industry publications, Larry develops a deep understanding of his clients' businesses and the industries in which they operate. He acts as a single point of contact for a wide range of corporate and securities issues. Clients appreciate Larry's deep and broad experience combined with his pragmatic and commercial approach to solving problems. Clients turn to Larry for assistance with their most challenging corporate matters, including mergers, acquisitions and public and private capital raising transactions, as well as proxy contests and other shareholder activism matters. Larry also regularly counsels public companies on their securities law compliance, disclosure, corporate governance and compensation-related issues. Furthering the depth of his expertise, Larry has achieved the designation of Certified Corporate Governance Professional (CCGP) by the Society for Corporate Governance.

Larry's clients span a variety of industries, including manufacturing, technology, educational services, financial services and investment banking. Before law school, he worked as a certified public accountant at an international public accounting firm.

He is the co-author of the "2014 Handbook for Preparing SEC Annual Reports and Proxy Statements" (Wolters Kluwer Law & Business, 13th ed.).

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Securities/Capital Markets Law , 2010–2027

Practices

- Capital Markets
- Corporate Governance
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Corporate
- Executive Compensation and Employee Benefits in Corporate Transactions
- Public Company Advisory

Industries

- Manufacturing and Industrials Private Equity
- Education Private Equity
- Education
- Finance and Financial Markets
- Technology

Education

- JD, University of Illinois College of Law
- BS, University of Illinois

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

Court Admissions

- US District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association
- Society for Corporate Governance

- Securities Regulation, 2011–2027
- Lawyer of the Year
  - Securities/Capital Markets Law, Chicago, 2018, 2020, 2023
  - Securities Regulation, Chicago, 2017, 2021

News

- Katten Advises Perdoceo Education Corporation on Definitive Agreement to Acquire South University (September 18, 2026)
- Katten Adds Cot Eversole to Capital Markets Practice in Chicago (September 9, 2026)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2027 *Best Lawyers* Guide (August 20, 2026)
- Katten Celebrates 101 Attorneys Honored by *Best Lawyers*® (August 21, 2025)
- Katten Team Represents Perdoceo Education Corporation in Acquisition of University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (December 20, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized as *Best Lawyers*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® Award Recipients (August 15, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers*® (August 17, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® (August 18, 2022)
- Lawrence Levin Designated a 'Certified Corporate Governance Professional' (January 21, 2022)
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource Center (November 10, 2021)
- Over 60 of the Nation's Leading Law Firms Respond to Investment Company Act Lawsuits Targeting the SPAC Industry (September 3, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (August 19, 2021)
- Katten Appoints New Practice Heads, Building on Stellar Leadership (July 15, 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)
- 79 Katten Attorneys Selected for *Best Lawyers in America*® 2017 (August 15, 2016)

- 91 Katten Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2016 (August 17, 2015)
- 85 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2015 (August 18, 2014)
- 83 Katten Attorneys Lauded in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2014 (August 15, 2013)
- 80 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2013 Guide (August 24, 2012)
- Katten Partners Contribute to NIRI's "Standards of Practice for Investor Relations Vol. III – Disclosure" (April 24, 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)
- 66 Katten Attorneys Named to 2010 List of *Best Lawyers in America*® (August 5, 2009)

Publications

- Katten Attorneys Contribute to NIRI's Latest Edition of *Standards of Practice for Investor Relations – Disclosure* (July 26, 2023)
- Navigating the Regulatory Landscape – SEC Adopts New Rules Requiring Increased Disclosure on Stock Buybacks – Including Quarterly Reporting of Daily Repurchase Activity (May 12, 2023)
- *Capital Markets Compass* | Issue 5 (February 15, 2023)
- SEC Adopts Amendments to Rule 10b5-1 Plan Requirements and Increases Disclosure Requirements Regarding Insider Trading Policies (December 27, 2022)
- Financial Markets and Funds Quick Take | Issue 6 (September 15, 2022)
- *Capital Markets Compass* | Issue 3 (May 3, 2022)
- Katten Partners Present 2022 Proxy Season Update (December 22, 2021)
- *Capital Markets Compass* | Issue 2 (December 22, 2021)
- *Capital Markets Compass* | Issue 1 (October 14, 2021)
- Client Alert: SEC Approves Nasdaq's Board Diversity Disclosure Requirements (August 16, 2021)

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- Public Company Acquired Company Financial Statement Rules (September 16, 2020)
- Second Quarter Reporting — Recent SEC Guidance on COVID-19-Related Disclosure (July 29, 2020)
- Capital Raising During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Offering Structures for a Volatile Market (May 6, 2020)
- COVID-19 Impact on Public Disclosure on SEC Reporting Companies (April 1, 2020)
- Virtual Shareholder Meetings in the Wake of COVID-19: Legal and Practical Considerations (March 26, 2020)
- SEC Proposes Rule Amendments to Permit General Solicitation in Rule 506 and 144A Offerings, Including Offerings by Hedge Funds and Other Private Funds (September 17, 2012)
- SEC Adopts Final Rules Regarding Conflict Minerals Disclosure (August 31, 2012)
- SEC Adopts Final Rule Requiring Exchanges to Establish Listing Standards Regarding Independence of Compensation Committees and Compensation Advisers (July 2, 2012)
- The JOBS Act: Congress Overhauls Laws Governing Capital Raising for Most Issuers and Reporting for New Public Companies (March 30, 2012)
- SEC Adopts Final Rules for Whistleblower Program under Dodd-Frank Act (June 2, 2011)
- SEC Adopts Final Say-on-Pay Voting Rules (January 31, 2011)
- SEC Adopts Final Rules to Enhance Shareholder Access to Companies' Proxy Materials (August 26, 2010)
- Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act Corporate Governance and Disclosure Provisions (July 6, 2010)
- Preparing Your Form 10-K? Here Are Some Action Items to Comply with New SEC Climate Change Disclosure Guidance (February 11, 2010)
- Proxy Vote Processing Issues: Over-Voting and Empty Voting (January 28, 2010)
- Communicating with Retail Shareholders: How Much Can an Issuer Say Outside the Proxy Materials? (January 21, 2010)
- Alerts for Shareholder Voting in 2010: Elimination of NYSE Broker Discretionary Voting in Uncontested Director Elections and Updates to RiskMetrics' US Policies Now Effective (January 12, 2010)

- Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the SEC's NOBO-OBO Rules and Companies' Ability to Communicate with Retail Shareholders (January 4, 2010)
- Alerts for Shareholder Voting in 2010: Broker Discretionary Voting and Updates to RiskMetrics' US Policies (January 4, 2010)
- SEC Publishes Proposed Rule Facilitating Shareholder Director Nominations (June 18, 2009)
- Avoiding Charges of Board Risk Assessment Impairment: SEC to Review Bank Boards' Risk Oversight (February 20, 2009)
- Electronic Filing of Form D and Amendments Becomes Mandatory on March 16 (February 17, 2009)
- Stockholder Meeting Advance Notice Protections—Do They Mean What You Think? (September 2008)
- *Corporate & Financial Weekly Digest* (Weekly) | *Author*

Presentations and Events

- 2026 Annual Reporting & Proxy Season Update (December 9, 2025)
- 2025 Annual Reporting & Proxy Season Update (December 11, 2024) | *Panelist*
- Society for Corporate Governance National Conference (June 20–23, 2023)
- Society for Corporate Governance National Conference (June 23, 2022) | *Panelist* | *Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plans*
- 2022 Proxy Season Update (December 2, 2021) | *Panelist*
- 2021 Computershare Virtual Client Conference (October 6–7, 2021) | *Speaker* | *Annual Meetings: Attitudes, Images and Changing Global Expectations*
- 2021 Proxy Season Update (December 10, 2020) | *Panelist*
- 2021 Proxy Season Preview: Key Developments Impacting Proxy and Form 10-K Disclosure (October 28, 2020) | *Moderator*
- 2020 Proxy Season Update (December 12, 2019) | *Panelist*
- 2019 Proxy Season Update: Key Considerations for Public Companies (December 13, 2018)
- The Society for Corporate Governance (December 5, 2018) | *Moderator* | *2019 Proxy Season Preview: Pay Ratio Communications and Other Trending Topics*

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- 2018 Proxy Season Update: Key Considerations for Public Companies (December 14, 2017) | *Moderator and Presenter*
- The Society for Corporate Governance (November 29, 2017) | *Moderator and Presenter* | *2018 Proxy Season Preview: Pay Ratio Communications and Other Trending Topics*
- 2017 Proxy Season Update: Key Considerations for Public Companies (December 8, 2016) | *Panelist*
- 11th Annual Edward A. Brennan Forum on Corporate Governance (March 30, 2016) | *Panelist*
- 2016 Proxy Season Update: Key Considerations for Public Companies (December 9, 2015) | *Presenter*
- The 2015 Proxy Season: What Do You Need to Know? (April 21, 2015) | *Panelist*
- 2015 Proxy Season Update: Key Considerations for Public Companies (December 11, 2014) | *Panelist*
- Emerging Disclosure Developments - Annual Disclosure Documents 2014 (December 4, 2014) | *Presenter*
- 2014 Proxy Season Update: Key Considerations for Public Companies (December 10, 2013) | *Panelist*
- Attacks on Proxy Statement Compensation Disclosure (March 22, 2013) | *Presenter*
- 2013 Proxy Season Update: 13 Considerations for Public Companies (December 13, 2012) | *Presenter*
- Annual Disclosure Documents 2012: Preparation of Disclosure Documents, Annual Meeting and Regulatory Developments (December 6–7, 2012) | *Speaker* | *Emerging Growth Companies* | *Speaker, Insider Trading, FCPA and Securities Offerings Developments*
- How to Prepare for the Upcoming Proxy Season (December 13, 2011) | *Speaker* | *Solicitation Issues*
- Hot Issues in Securities Laws 2011: Disclosure Documents and Trends (December 12, 2011) | *Speaker* | *Insider Trading and Securities Offerings Issues*
- How to Prepare for the Upcoming Proxy Season (December 14, 2010) | *Panelist* | *Proxy Access* | *Panelist* | *Developments in Executive Compensation Disclosures*
- Hot Issues in Securities Law 2010: Disclosure Topics and Trends (December 13, 2010) | *Panelist* | *Securities Act Developments*

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- IPO Bootcamp (April 6, 2010) | *Speaker*
- 2010 Proxy Disclosure Update: Implementing the New SEC Rules (January 19, 2010) | *Speaker*
- 14th Annual Preparation of Annual Disclosure Documents (December 14–15, 2009) | *Panelist* | *Hot Topics for Compensation Committees, the New Gatekeepers* | *Panelist* | *The Annual Meeting* |*Panelist* | *Drafting the Proxy Statement and Annual Report*
- Preparation of Annual Disclosure Documents 2009 (January 12–13, 2009) | *Panelist* | *Shareholder Proposals and Corporate Governance*
- 2009 Proxy and Disclosure Season Update: What's New and What's Coming! (December 4, 2008) | *Panelist*
- Preparation of Annual Disclosure Documents (January 7–8, 2008) | *Panelist*