



Scott E. Lyons

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Recognized as a leading lawyer for commercial lending by *The Legal 500 US* and by *Chambers USA*, Scott Lyons represents finance companies, banks and other lenders who provide debt financing to support private equity-led leveraged buyouts of middle-market companies. With deep experience in the health care and tech industries, Scott's understanding of market terms and ability to execute quickly help his clients meet the intense time demands of their customers, win their next deal and strengthen their ongoing business relationships.

Knowledgeable, experienced support for debt finance deals

With his years of experience in this space and his representation of market leaders, Scott can quickly and efficiently negotiate commitment papers and credit agreements drafted by private equity sponsors and their counsel. Scott's practice covers a broad range of deal sizes, from single bank financings for family-owned companies to broadly syndicated credit facilities for upper-middle-market and large-cap equity sponsors. Scott represents senior secured, first lien, second lien, first out, last out and mezzanine lenders, agent banks, BDCs, SBIC lenders, borrowers and private equity sponsors in a range of commercial finance deals. His experience crosses a range of industries, including media and technology, software, health care, specialty finance, restaurant and franchise, and manufacturing.

Scott, who is a member of Katten's Board of Directors, advises on leveraged buyout transactions; cash flow and asset-based transactions; unitranche, first-out-last-out and one-stop financings; cross-border financings; specialty financings; health care financings; franchise financings; restructurings and distressed financings, including debtor-in-possession and exit financings.

Scott's institutional clients include Antares Capital; Varagon Capital Partners; Capital One National Association; Pelham S2K Partners; Victory Park Capital and First American Bank.

Practices

- Distressed and Special Situations Investing
- Health Care Finance
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Credit
- Private Equity
- Restaurant and Franchise Finance

Industries

- Finance and Financial Markets
- Manufacturing and Industrials Private Equity
- Sports and Sports Facilities

Education

- JD, University of Illinois College of Law, *cum laude*
- BS, University of Illinois

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

Professional & Community Involvement

- Jewish Council for Youth Services, Alumni Member

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Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Banking and Finance Law, 2024–2026
- *Chambers USA*
 - Banking & Finance, 2020–2026
- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Recommended Attorney, 2018, 2025

News

- Katten Climbs in *Chambers USA* 2026 Rankings (June 4, 2026)
- 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 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 Distinguished by *Best Lawyers*® (August 17, 2023)
- Katten Boosts Rankings in *Chambers USA Guide 2023* (June 1, 2023)
- Katten Ranked Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2022 (June 1, 2022)
- Katten Boosts Rankings in *Chambers USA* 2021 (May 20, 2021)
- Katten Rated Top Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2020 (April 23, 2020)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* (June 14, 2018)
- Katten Selected as the "Go-To" Firm for Sports Law in Chicago (July 27, 2017)

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"He's very client-focused and available and does a great job of explaining complex issues." "Scott is a trusted partner, super-efficient and good at what he does."

**Chambers USA 2025
(Illinois, Banking & Finance)
survey response**

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- Katten Represents Victory Park Capital in Credit Facility Funding for Social Reality (November 4, 2014)
- Firm Attorneys Mentioned in *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* for Role in Sale of St. Louis Blues (July 6, 2006)
- Katten Represents Sellers in Sale of National Hockey League's St. Louis Blues and Operating Rights to the Savvis Center (July 3, 2006)
- Katten Names 27 New Partners (April 17, 2006)