

S. Scott Morrison

Partner

Litigation

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Litigation is disruptive and expensive. Not only do businesses have to deal with the cost of litigation, they also lose time and money when litigation occurs. Scott Morrison helps real estate, construction and other businesses resolve their litigation matters so that they can get back to work. He provides creative solutions to business problems and, if necessary, a tenacious and successful courtroom presence.

Lead counsel in business and real estate litigation

Scott serves as lead counsel in sophisticated business disputes. He has handled numerous complex, "bet-the-company" cases in both federal and state courts. He also has extensive experience in mediation and arbitration proceedings. He has represented clients in virtually every type of business litigation, including partnership and joint venture fights, complex landlord-tenant cases, breach of contract, fiduciary duty and fraud claims as well as valuation, construction, land use, lender liability and environmental suits. Many of his cases have involved landmark Washington, DC-area developments such as L'Enfant Plaza, Washington Harbour, Market Square and Gallery Place.

Scott additionally represents clients in misappropriation, false claims and non-compete and non-solicitation agreements. He has previously been retained as special litigation counsel in bankruptcy, insurance and probate matters.

As an appellate attorney, he has successfully managed matters before the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, the Virginia Supreme Court, the Maryland Court of Appeals and the Ohio Supreme Court.

Representative Experience

- Served as lead counsel in numerous commercial litigation matters, representing locally and nationally based real estate developers.
- Served as lead counsel in complex construction litigation involving the Washington Harbour, Market Square and Gallery Place projects in Washington, DC.

Practices

- Appeals and Critical Motions
- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation

Industries

- Construction
- Private Client Services

Education

- JD, Stanford University Law School
- AB, Stanford University

Bar Admissions

- Maryland
- District of Columbia

Court Admissions

- US District Court, Northern District of Texas
- US Supreme Court
- US District Court, District of Columbia
- US Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
- US District Court, District of Maryland
- US Claims Court

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association
- Bar Association of the District of Columbia

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- Served as lead counsel in numerous partnership and corporate disputes involving entity control and management.
- Served as lead counsel in real estate litigation involving easement and leasing disputes, purchase and sale agreements, and complex commercial landlord-tenant cases.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Commercial Litigation, 2010–2027
  - Litigation - Real Estate, 2011–2027
- *Chambers USA*
  - Construction, 2015–2020
- Martindale-Hubbell
  - AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating, 2023-2026
- *Super Lawyers*
  - Washington, DC, 2008–2020
- Thomson Reuters
  - Stand-out Lawyer, 2023–2024, 2026

News

- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2027 *Best Lawyers* Guide (August 20, 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)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized as *Best Lawyers*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® Award Recipients (August 15, 2024)
- *Washington Post* and *The Wash* Quote Scott Morrison on DC Housing Redevelopment Project Litigation (November 22, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers*® (August 17, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® (August 18, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (August 19, 2021)

- Maryland State Bar Association

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- 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 Named to 2020 Washington, DC Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (April 16, 2020)
- Katten Lauded Top Ranked Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2019 (April 25, 2019)
- Katten Partners Selected to 2019 Washington, DC Super Lawyers List (April 19, 2019)
- Scott Morrison Talks to *Washington Business Journal* on $24 Million Suit Facing Glenstone Museum (September 6, 2018)
- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2018 Washington, DC *Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars Lists (May 11, 2018)
- Katten Rated as Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2018 (May 3, 2018)
- Katten Recognized as Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2017 (May 30, 2017)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2017 Washington DC *Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars Lists (April 24, 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)
- Eight Katten Attorneys Named to 2016 Washington, DC *Super Lawyers* Ranking (April 21, 2016)
- Katten Named 2016 "Law Firm of the Year" in Real Estate Litigation by *U.S. News – Best Lawyers*® (November 3, 2015)
- 91 Katten Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2016 (August 17, 2015)
- Scott Morrison Quoted in Article on White Flint Mall and Lord & Taylor Legal Dispute (July 17, 2015)
- Katten Attains 22 Practice and 58 Attorney Rankings by *Chambers USA* 2015 (May 20, 2015)

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- Eleven Katten Attorneys Named to 2015 Washington, DC *Super Lawyers* List (April 16, 2015)
- Scott Morrison Quoted in *Washington Business Journal* on Lord & Taylor's Legal Battle With White Flint Mall Over Redevelopment Project (March 18, 2015)
- 85 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2015 (August 18, 2014)
- Ten Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2014 Washington, DC *Super Lawyers* Rankings (April 25, 2014)
- Katten Obtains Fourth Circuit Victory for White Flint LP in Injunction Case (March 18, 2014)
- Partner Scott Morrison Quoted in *The Washington Post* and *The Daily Record* Regarding Closure of White Flint Mall (December 24, 2013)
- 83 Katten Attorneys Lauded in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2014 (August 15, 2013)
- Ten Katten Attorneys Included on 2013 Washington, DC *Super Lawyers* and Rising Stars Lists (May 1, 2013)
- 80 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2013 Guide (August 24, 2012)
- Partner Scott Morrison Quoted in *Washington Business Journal* on Takeover of United Medical Center (August 17, 2012)
- Seven Katten Attorneys Recognized as Washington, DC Super Lawyers (May 3, 2012)
- 75 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2012 Guide (September 12, 2011)
- Partner Scott Morrison Quoted in *Washington Business Journal* on Fraud Claims Suit (July 15, 2011)
- Partner Scott Morrison Quoted in *Washington Business Journal* on Specialty Hospitals Suits (March 4, 2011)
- 70 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2011 (August 9, 2010)
- 12 Katten Partners Named Among Nation’s Leading Lawyers by Lawdragon (May 19, 2010)
- Partner Scott Morrison and High-Profile Client Mentioned in *Washington Business Journal* (February 18, 2010)

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- 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)
- 13 Katten Partners Named Finalists for Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America (September 27, 2007)
- Partner Scott Morrison Quoted in *The Washington Post* on Plaza Residences (August 16, 2007)
- Katten Wins Ruling on Behalf of Lincoln Property Company, Clearing Way for Completion of Washington Office Building (January 25, 2007)
- S. Scott Morrison, Litigation Partner at Katten Muchin Rosenman, Named Among Top Washington Lawyers (August 17, 2006)

Presentations and Events

- 2025 Expert Witness Summit: Empowering Experts to Become Better Witnesses (October 23, 2025) | *Panelist* | *Courtroom Etiquette and The Expert Witness at Trial*
- The Future Viability of Retail (August 1, 2018) | *Presenter*