

Katten Government and Public Finance Team Contributes to Multiple Winners at The Bond Buyer Deal of the Year Awards

$4.5 Billion Recapitalization Takes National Deal of the Year

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The Bond Buyer held its 23rd annual Dealer of the Year Awards ceremony on December 3, 2024. Multiple deals recognized featured work from Katten, including the National Deal of the Year, a $4.5 billion recapitalization on which Katten served as designated investors' counsel.

During its annual awards ceremony, *The Bond Buyer* recognizes one deal in each of 10 different categories. Katten contributed to four of the 10 deals recognized in 2024.

"It is an honor to have our team's work recognized by *The Bond Buyer*," said Craig Scully, partner and chair of the Government and Public Finance practice. "To have provided counsel on four different deals of this magnitude just this year really shines a spotlight on the strength and depth of our practice."

Brightline Trains Florida LLC's recapitalization marks the largest private-activity bond issuance and the first investment-grade debt for American high-speed intercity rail.

A Katten team served as bond counsel in Westchester Medical Center Health Network's $286.9 million Series 2023 Financing that earned the Deal of the Year in the Health Care Financing Category.

Katten served as bond counsel in the $4.55 billion green bond issuance for John F. Kennedy International Airport's Terminal One redevelopment, which was named Deal of the Year in the Northeast Region.

Katten counseled underwriters and dealer managers led by RBC Capital Markets, LLC in the $1.92 billion revenue bond transaction issued by the Illinois Finance Authority to support new facilities at the University of Chicago. The deal was named Deal of the Year in the Midwest Region.

The awards are meant to recognize outstanding achievements in municipal finance.

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