

Neil G. Shelton

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Practices

FOCUS: Private Credit

Mergers and Acquisitions

Private Equity

Industries

Health Care

Insurance and Risk Management

Insurance Private Equity

Manufacturing and Industrials Private Equity

Education

JD, University of Notre Dame Law School

BS, University of Illinois

Bar Admissions

Illinois

"Neil is great at managing complex situations." "He is great to work with - he's very knowledgeable about the market and is extremely responsive."

*- Chambers USA 2023
(Illinois, Banking & Finance) survey response)*

Neil Shelton regularly represents administrative agents, arrangers, borrowers, investors, issuers and first lien, second lien and mezzanine lenders in connection with secured and unsecured cash flow and asset-based financings, including acquisition, leveraged buyout, recapitalization, restructuring and workout transactions. Neil's practice spans a wide variety of deal sizes and types, from single lender financings of lower-middle-market companies to broadly syndicated and unitranche credit facilities of more than \$1 billion for equity sponsor backed transactions. He is known in the market for his extensive experience representing lenders to borrowers in the insurance, financial services and health care industries.

Practical and creative counsel

Clients turn to Neil for his knowledge of the market and his pragmatic, business-like approach to the practice of law. Neil thinks creatively to find solutions that work for all parties. Whether representing a first lien lender, second lien lender, mezzanine lender or a borrower, he anticipates potential downsides and knows how to protect his client from unforeseen risks. He is comfortable navigating the applicable regulatory landscape and advising clients on all aspects of their transactions. His clients include the most active banks and non-bank financial institutions in the middle-market. Neil is also a member of Katten's Board of Directors.

He is also an active supporter of the Folds of Honor and sits on the board of directors of its Chicago chapter.

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Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Recommended Attorney, 2017
- *Chambers USA*
 - Banking & Finance, 2021–2023

News

- 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 Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States 2017* (May 31, 2017)