

Chris DiAngelo

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Practices

FOCUS: Structured Finance and
Securitization

Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities

Entrepreneurial Ventures

Private Credit

Real Estate Finance and Lending

Structured Products

Industries

Finance and Financial Markets

Education

JD, Columbia Law School

MA, The City University of New York

BA, Williams College

Bar Admissions

New York

Community Involvements

Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Commercial Real Estate Finance Council

Equipment Leasing and Finance Association

Structured Finance Association

Chris DiAngelo offers clients a comprehensive understanding of wholesale finance, the critical process through which banks and finance companies fund their lending activities. His intimate knowledge of the industry's business, legal and policymaking arenas have allowed him to execute some of its most innovative deals.

Solving funding challenges

For large banks, finance companies and government entities, Chris offers decades of experience in structured finance and securitizations, particularly in the area of mortgage financing. From banks to finance companies to government entities, institutions have turned to Chris to solve complex funding puzzles and manage the risk of holding financial assets.

Chris's depth of knowledge and experience enable him to quickly assess a client's financing goals and advise on the best options. Clients also benefit from his deep contacts throughout the industry and in the government. He acts as a lead counsel to the Structured Finance Association, and has served as chairman of its political action committee and co-chair of its legal counsel committee. He also serves as outside counsel to a Washington, DC, lobbying firm focused on the financial services industry.

The legal and industry knowledge that Chris brings to the table has allowed him to complete landmark financing deals. He assisted with the development of the REMIC credit risk transfer structure that marked an evolution in financing techniques, by opening the US residential mortgage credit market to an increased number of sources of private capital. Clients have high praise for his ability to manage complex deals, stating "Chris is smart and a critical partner to have on high-pressure situations" and that "he is one of the best in class." *Chambers USA* 2023 (USA Nationwide, Capital Markets: Securitization: ABS/RMBS) survey responses.

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"He is excellent at communicating and boiling down the material issues to what really matters." "Chris is an amazing lawyer. He always works well with our team and always spends the time to discuss issues and more importantly, explain them in a way that we can understand as business people."

*- Chambers USA 2022
(USA Nationwide, Capital Markets: Securitization: ABS/RMBS) survey response*

Chris's policy knowledge includes a detailed familiarity with the impact of the Dodd-Frank Act on structured finance. He is also deeply informed about housing and mortgage policy reform and its impact on Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Before entering private practice, he served on the staff of the New York State Housing Finance Agency.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Securitization and Structured Finance Law, 2013–2024
- *Chambers Global*
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation
 - USA, 2010, 2012–2021
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation:
 - RMBS, 2021–2024
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation:
 - ABS, 2022–2024
- *Chambers USA*
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation, 2012–2020
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation RMBS, 2012–2017, 2020–2023
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation ABS, 2021–2023
- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Hall of Fame, 2023
 - Recommended Attorney, 2013–2022

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News

- Katten Ranked as Leader in *Chambers Global Guide* 2024 (February 15, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers®* (August 17, 2023)
- Katten Lauded in The Legal 500 United States 2023 (June 9, 2023)
- Katten Boosts Rankings in *Chambers USA Guide* 2023 (June 1, 2023)
- Katten Names Female Investment Management Partner With Untraditional Career Path to Lead New York Office (May 18, 2023)
- Wendy Cohen's New Role as New York Managing Partner Featured in *Law360* (May 9, 2023)
- Katten Lauded in *Chambers Global Guide* 2023 (February 16, 2023)
- Commercial Lit Team Draws Coverage From *Reuters*, *American Lawyer*, *Law360* and More (January 11, 2023)
- Katten Lands Talented Litigation Team in New York (January 10, 2023)
- *Commercial Observer* Spotlights Design of Katten's Rockefeller Plaza Office (November 30, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers®* (August 18, 2022)
- Katten Awarded Top Ranking in Structured Finance: Securitization in The Legal 500 United States 2022 (June 8, 2022)
- Katten Ranked Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2022 (June 1, 2022)
- Katten Moves to Iconic Rockefeller Center® as Flexible Return-to-Office Plan Launches (April 5, 2022)
- Katten Receives Top Billing by *Chambers Global* in Banking & Finance, Bankruptcy, Derivatives, Hedge Funds and Securitisation (February 17, 2022)

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- Katten Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (August 19, 2021)
- Katten Receives High Marks in Derivatives, M&A and Securitization in The Legal 500 United States 2021 Guide (June 10, 2021)
- Katten Boosts Rankings in *Chambers USA* 2021 (May 20, 2021)
- Katten Praised by *Chambers Global* in Banking & Finance, Derivatives, Hedge Funds and Securitisation (February 19, 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)
- Katten Named Top-Tier Firm in Structured Finance and Securitization by The Legal 500 United States 2020 Guide (June 16, 2020)
- Katten Rated Top Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2020 (April 23, 2020)
- *Chambers Global* Ranks Katten in Derivatives and Securitisation (February 13, 2020)
- Katten New York Moving to Rockefeller Center® (October 21, 2019)
- Katten Praised in The Legal 500 United States 2019 Guide (June 11, 2019)
- Katten Lauded Top Ranked Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2019 (April 25, 2019)
- *Chambers Global* Praises Katten Attorneys in Financial Services, Trusts & Estates (February 21, 2019)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* (June 14, 2018)
- Katten Rated as Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2018 (May 3, 2018)
- Katten Attorneys Lauded by *Chambers Global* 2018 (February 21, 2018)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* 2017 (May 31, 2017)
- Katten Recognized as Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA* 2017 (May 30, 2017)

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- Katten Ranked by *Chambers Global* 2017 (March 16, 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)
- Six Katten Partners Recognized by *Chambers Global* (March 17, 2016)
- 91 Katten Attorneys Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2016 (August 17, 2015)
- Nine Katten Practices and 42 Attorneys Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* 2015 (June 3, 2015)
- Katten Attains 22 Practice and 58 Attorney Rankings by *Chambers USA* 2015 (May 20, 2015)
- Six Katten Partners Praised by *Chambers Global* (March 13, 2015)
- 85 Katten Attorneys Named to *Best Lawyers in America*® 2015 (August 18, 2014)
- Eight Katten Practices and Forty-Two Attorneys Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* 2014 (July 3, 2014)
- *Chambers USA* 2014 Distinguishes 24 Katten Practices and 54 Attorneys (May 23, 2014)
- Six Katten Partners Lauded by *Chambers Global* (March 14, 2014)
- Chris DiAngelo, Co-head of the Structured Finance and Securitization Practice, Quoted in Origination News Regarding "New" Asset Classes (January 27, 2014)
- 83 Katten Attorneys Lauded in *Best Lawyers in America*® 2014 (August 15, 2013)
- Katten Is Number One Issuer Counsel in Structured Finance (July 15, 2013)
- Chris DiAngelo Named to SFIG Board of Directors (July 15, 2013)

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- Six Katten Practices and Twenty-Four Attorneys Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* 2013 (June 4, 2013)
- *Chambers USA* 2013 Recognizes 24 Katten Practices and 49 Attorneys (May 24, 2013)
- Five Katten Partners Recognized by *Chambers Global* (March 18, 2013)
- *Chambers USA* 2012 Distinguishes 19 Katten Practices and 45 Attorneys (June 7, 2012)
- Six Katten Partners Lauded by *Chambers Global* 2012 (April 26, 2012)
- Five Katten Practices Recognized by *Legal 500* in 2011 US Edition (June 16, 2011)
- Katten Earns Recognition for 17 Practices and 44 Attorneys in 2011 *Chambers USA* Guide (June 10, 2011)
- Four Katten Partners Recognized by *Chambers Global* (November 12, 2010)
- Katten Welcomes Prominent Structured Finance Group (November 2, 2010)

Publications

- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 2 (May 2023)
- Treasury and IRS Release Proposed Regulations on Consumer Electric Vehicle Tax Credits (April 10, 2023)
- Financial Markets and Funds Quick Take | Issue 11 (February 21, 2023)
- SEC Delays Enforcement of Rule 15c2-11 Compliance (January 31, 2023)
- Treasury Releases Guidance on Electric Vehicle Tax Credits (January 3, 2023)
- IRS Issues Guidance on "Qualified Manufacturer" Requirements for New Electric Vehicle Tax Credits (December 20, 2022)

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- SCOTUS Ruling in FHFA Case: Unintended Consequences All Around (June 20, 2021)
- Structured Finance Year in Review and the Outlook for 2021 | Key Takeaways (December 23, 2020)
- ZING VII—Implications for the Bankruptcy Remoteness of Special Purpose Entities (September 28, 2011)
- *Corporate & Financial Weekly Digest* (Weekly) | *Author*

Presentations and Events

- SFVegas 2024 (February 25–28, 2024) | *Speaker* | *Policy Watch: Regulatory Landscape & the Impact on Structured Finance*
- SFVegas 2023 (February 26–March 1, 2023) | *Speaker* | *The Courts: Top Legal Issues Facing our Markets*
- 20th Annual Banking and Finance Forum (November 18, 2022)
- 28th Annual ABS East Conference (October 17–19, 2022) | *Panelist* | *Word from the Hill: Regulating the Capital Markets*
- SFVegas 2022 (July 17–20, 2022)
- Structured Finance Year in Review and the Outlook for 2021 (December 8 and 10, 2020) | *Moderator* | *The View From DC – Transition 2021*
- New Developments in Securitization 2020 (November 4, 2020) | *Panelist* | *Impact of COVID-19 on the Securitization Markets, Rulemaking, Regulatory Environment and more*
- SFVegas2020 (February 23–26, 2020) | *Panelist and Moderator* | *Impact of the Courts on Securitization | Financing Solutions, Not Metal: Equipment ABS*
- Lawyer Wellness: Addressing Substance Use and Mental Health in the Legal Profession (May 21, 2019) | *Presenter*

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- SFIG Vegas 2019 (February 24–27, 2019) | *Participant | Considering the Potential Impact of Regulations on Liquidity: HQLA and Capital Treatment*
- 24th Annual ABS East Conference (September 23–25, 2018) | *Participant | Status Check on Regulatory Reform: What Has Been Accomplished, and the Scope for Additional Reform*
- 3rd Annual Credit Risk Transfer Symposium (May 3, 2018)
- SFIG Vegas 2018 (February 25–28, 2018) | *Co-Presenter | Navigating the Legislative Process: From Policy to Politics*
- Residential Mortgage Finance Symposium 2017 (November 7–8, 2017) | *Panelist | Plenary Session: State of the Economy & Housing Fundamentals*
- 23rd Annual ABS East Conference (September 17–19, 2017) | *Speaker | What's the Latest in GSE Reform?*
- IMN's 2nd Annual Credit Risk Transfer Symposium (May 15, 2017) | *Moderator*
- 2nd Annual Credit Risk Transfer Symposium (May 15, 2017) | *Moderator | GSE Program Updates*
- Current Major Issues in Marketplace Lending: Regulatory and Securitization Perspectives (November 10, 2016) | *Presenter*
- ABS Vegas 2016 (February 28–March 2, 2016) | *Moderator | GSE Reform 101*
- Techniques for Financing Energy-Efficient Improvements at Commercial Properties (February 18, 2015) | *Moderator*
- The Structured Finance Industry Group's Conference — ABS Vegas 2015 (February 8–11, 2015) | *Panelist | GSEs "The Right Now": Conservatorship in Transition*
- Techniques for Financing Energy Efficient Improvements at Commercial Properties (January 29, 2015) | *Moderator*
- New Developments in Securitization 2014 (December 4, 2014) | *Panelist | Examining Key Regulations Through a Global Lens*

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- 14th Banking & Finance Forum (November 21, 2014) | *Panelist | Recent Legislative Developments in Banking & Finance Law*
- HFA Symposium: The Road Ahead for Mortgage Reform (May 21, 2014) | *Speaker*
- IMN's Second Annual Sunshine Backed Bonds Conference (May 2, 2014) | *Panelist | Overview of the U.S. Solar & Renewable Energy Industry: Identifying the Major Players, Assessing Growth Trends and Projections*
- The Structured Finance Industry Group's Conference – ABS Vegas 2014 (January 21–24, 2014) | *Panelist | Legal and Regulatory Issues Facing Esoteric ABS*
- IMN's First Annual Sunshine Backed Bonds Conference (May 3, 2013) | *Panelist | Risk Management: The Role of Data and Servicers in Solar ABS*
- The Future of Multifamily Finance Reform (October 10, 2012) | *Moderator*
- American Securitization Forum 2012 (January 22–25, 2012) | *Speaker*
- American Securitization Forum 2011 (February 6–9, 2011) | *Speaker*