

# Stephen B. Esko

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## Practices

FOCUS: Structured Finance and Securitization

## Education

JD, Yale Law School

MM, The Juilliard School

BM, Manhattan School of Music

## Bar Admissions

New York

**"He is a very nuanced thinker who provides practical solutions to complex issues."**

- *Chambers USA 2023 (USA Nationwide, Capital Markets: Securitization: CMBS) survey response*

Recognized as a leading lawyer in the Structured Finance: Securitizations category by *The Legal 500 US*, Stephen Esko advises clients on all aspects of asset-backed and mortgage-backed securitizations.

## A creative problem-solver with a client-first approach

Stephen's experience encompasses a wide range of structured finance transactions, including issuer and underwriter representation in public and private securitizations, asset sales and financings, structured note issuances and credit derivatives work. Clients recognize him as someone they can trust, stating, "He is very thoughtful, very smart and works with you to become your partner in resolving whatever is on the table." (*Chambers USA 2022*). Stephen works with government-sponsored enterprises, banks, lenders, broker-dealers and mortgage loan servicers.

## Recognitions

*Recognized or listed in the following:*

- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Recommended Attorney, 2014–2018, 2020–2022
- *Chambers USA*
  - Capital Markets: Securitisation CMBS, 2021–2023
- *Chambers Global*
  - Capital Markets: Securitisation: CMBS, 2022–2024

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## News

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- Katten Ranked as Leader in *Chambers Global Guide 2024* (February 15, 2024)
- Katten Boosts Rankings in *Chambers USA Guide 2023* (June 1, 2023)
- Katten Lauded in *Chambers Global Guide 2023* (February 16, 2023)
- 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 Receives Top Billing by *Chambers Global* in Banking & Finance, Bankruptcy, Derivatives, Hedge Funds and Securitisation (February 17, 2022)
- 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 Named Top-Tier Firm in Structured Finance and Securitization by *The Legal 500 United States 2020 Guide* (June 16, 2020)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* (June 14, 2018)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States 2017* (May 31, 2017)
- Eighteen Katten Practices and 70 Attorneys Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States 2016* (June 17, 2016)
- Nine Katten Practices and 42 Attorneys Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States 2015* (June 3, 2015)
- Eight Katten Practices and Forty-Two Attorneys Recognized by *The Legal 500 United States 2014* (July 3, 2014)

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- Katten Is Number One Issuer Counsel in Structured Finance (July 15, 2013)
- Katten Welcomes Structured Finance and Securitization Attorney Stephen B. Esko (August 27, 2012)