

# Corporate

**Record-setting capital market activity requires legal counsel driven by market intelligence. Katten has guided hundreds of leveraged buyouts and financings. We provide investors and strategic buyers with the competitive market knowledge needed to protect value and keep companies governed well.**

## **Practical insights clear obstacles**

Knowing what can derail a transaction — and what won't — streamlines the due diligence process. Our real-time grasp of trending deal terms creates practical and competitive structures. We represent public companies and privately held, strategic acquirers, private equity funds, family offices and other investors, and we do so in a practical and commercial manner.

In a deal era where the highest offer no longer rules, Katten adds value by identifying key drivers, managing regulatory risk and anticipating bottlenecks. Clients depend on the long-term safeguards infused into our deal analyses and structures. From tax to disclosure and regulatory compliance, we coordinate legal solutions to issues that arise in:

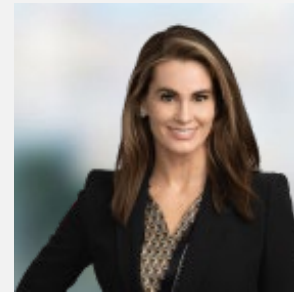
- Cross-border transactions
- Going-private transactions
- Leveraged and management buyouts
- Proxy contests
- Restructurings
- Securities offerings
- Spinoffs
- Tender offers

## **Guiding corporate growth and governance**

Katten's clients gain access to our worldwide network of corporate growth, management and governance resources. We offer insights to US and international clients on practices to prevent government scrutiny. Our corporate attorneys have served at the US Securities and Exchange Commission and are authors of books on key SEC rules and regulations. Katten's high level of M&A activity keeps clients in the know across industry sectors, including:

- Aviation
- Health care

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- Intellectual property
- Investment funds
- Manufacturing
- Media
- Parking and transportation
- Pharmaceuticals and life sciences
- Public finance
- Specialty finance
- Sports and entertainment
- Technology

## Recognitions

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*Recognized or listed in the following:*

- *Best Law Firms*
  - Corporate Compliance Law
    - Chicago, 2014–2021
  - Corporate Governance Law
    - Chicago, 2012–2021
  - Corporate Law
    - National, 2011–2025
    - Chicago, 2011–2025
    - Dallas/Fort Worth, 2019–2025
  - Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
    - National, 2014–2025
    - Chicago, 2014–2025
  - Mergers & Acquisitions Law
    - National, 2013–2025
    - Chicago, 2011–2022, 2024
    - Dallas/Fort Worth, 2020–2025
  - Securities/Capital Markets Law
    - National, 2013–2025
    - Chicago, 2011–2025
  - Securities Regulation
    - National, 2012–2025
    - Chicago, 2011–2025

- *Chambers USA*
  - Corporate/M&A & Private Equity
    - Illinois, 2006–2024
  - Corporate/M&A: Highly Regarded
    - Texas, 2021–2024
- *IFLR1000*
  - M&A
    - Illinois, 2021
    - United States, 2021
- *The Legal 500 United Kingdom*
  - Corporate and Commercial
    - Mid-Market M&A, 2016–2019
    - M&A Smaller Deals, 2024, 2025
- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - M&A
    - Middle-Market (Sub-\$500 Million), 2006–2024
    - Private Equity Buyouts, 2016–2019