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Katten Receives High Marks in the Legal 500 US 2025 Guide

(CHICAGO) Katten announced today that 23 practice areas were named to the Legal 500 United States 2025 guide. Additionally, eight attorneys achieved individual distinctions — three in the Hall of Fame and five as Leading Partners — while 94 attorneys were noted as recommended in the guide's editorial commentary.

Partners Chris DiAngelo, Mark R. Grossmann and Bruce G. Vanyo were named as widely regarded elite partners at the very top of their professions as part of the Legal 500's Hall of Fame. Additionally, Partners Kristin J. Achterhof, Christopher A. Cole, Michael J. Diver, Kimberly T. Smith and Allison C. Yacker were all selected for the Legal 500's sought-after Leading Partners list, which spotlights market leaders with long-established reputations in their sector.

Katten was ranked in the following practice areas:

- Advertising and Marketing: Litigation
- Alternative/Hedge Funds
- Commercial Lending: Advice to direct lenders/private credit
- Commercial Lending: Advice to bank lenders
- Corporate Investigations and White-Collar Criminal Defense
- Financial Services Litigation
- General Commercial Disputes
- Healthcare: Service Providers
- Intellectual Property: Copyright
- Intellectual Property: Patents: Litigation
- Intellectual Property: Trademarks: Litigation
- M&A: Middle-Market (Sub-\$500 Million)
- Media and Entertainment: Litigation
- Media and Entertainment: Transactional
- Project Finance
- Real Estate

- Restructuring (Including Bankruptcy): Corporate
- Securities Litigation: Defense
- Sport
- Structured Finance: Derivatives and Structured Products
- Structured Finance: Securitization
- US Taxes: Non-Contentious
- Venture Capital and Emerging Companies

The Katten attorneys individually recommended are:

- Advertising and Marketing: Litigation
 - Kristin J. Achterhof (Leading Partner)
 - Christopher A. Cole (Leading Partner)
 - Michael R. Justus
- Alternative/Hedge Funds
 - Henry Bregstein
 - Wendy E. Cohen
 - Jonah Roth
 - Allison C. Yacker (Leading Partner)
 - Lance A. Zinman
- Commercial Lending: Advice to direct lenders/private credit
 - Jan Harris Cate
 - Michael A. Jacobson
 - Shana E. Ramirez
 - Neil G. Shelton
- Commercial Lending: Advice to bank lenders
 - Jan Harris Cate
 - Michael A. Jacobson
 - Scott E. Lyons
 - Shana E. Ramirez
 - Jennifer I. Wolfe
- Corporate Investigations and White-Collar Criminal Defense
 - Daniel J. Collins
 - Scott A. Resnik
 - Gil M. Soffer

- Sheldon T. Zenner
- Financial Services Litigation
 - Ashley T. Brines
 - Camille A. Brooks
 - Eric R. Hail
 - Ted A. Huffman
 - Stuart M. Richter
 - Eric T. Werlinger
- General Commercial Disputes
 - Elliott M. Bacon
 - Mark T. Ciani
 - David A. Crichlow
 - Charles A. DeVore
 - David L. Goldberg
 - Gabriel Hertzberg
 - Eliot Lauer
 - Rebecca K. Lindahl
 - Anthony L. Paccione
 - Peter G. Wilson
 - Sarah Weber
- Healthcare: Service Providers
 - Michelle “Missy” Apodaca
 - W. Kenneth Davis Jr.
 - Laura Keidan Martin
 - Lisa Prather
 - Kenya S. Woodruff
- Intellectual Property: Copyright
 - Kristin J. Achterhof
 - Karen Artz Ash
 - David Halberstadter
 - Floyd A. Mandell
 - Zia F. Modabber
 - Deepto R. Mukerjee
 - Joel R. Weiner

- Intellectual Property: Patents: litigation
 - Joseph M. Janusz
 - Jitty Malik, PhD
 - Deepto R. Mukerjee
 - Lance A. Soderstrom
 - Brian Sodikoff
- M&A: Middle-Market (Sub-\$500 Million)
 - Christopher S. Atkinson
 - Peter Bogdanow
 - Mark R. Grossmann (Hall of Fame)
 - Thomas F. Lamprecht
 - Kimberly T. Smith (Leading Partner)
 - Mark S. Solomon
 - J. David Washburn
 - Victor B. Zanetti
- Media and Entertainment: Litigation
 - David Halberstadter
 - Zia F. Modabber
 - Joel R. Weiner
- Media and Entertainment: Transactional
 - Scott C. Cutrow
 - James J. Freedman
 - Michael S. Hobel
- Real Estate
 - Frank E. Arado
 - Louise Carroll
 - David R. Dlugie
 - Christine Noelle Fitzgerald
 - Timothy G. Little
 - Glenn S. Miller
 - Scott M. Vetri
- Restructuring (Including Bankruptcy): Corporate
 - William B. Freeman
 - Cindi M. Giglio

- Peter P. Knight
- Steven J. Reisman
- Peter A. Siddiqui

- Securities Litigation: Defense
 - Kevin P. Broughel
 - Michael J. Diver (Leading Partner)
 - Sarah Eichenberger
 - Michael J. Lohnes
 - Jonathan Rotenberg
 - Bruce G. Vanyo (Hall of Fame)

- Sport
 - Ethan Asofsky
 - Meena Dev-Sidhu
 - Valentina Famparska
 - Jason R. Gorczynski
 - Adam R. Klein
 - Josh Lewis
 - Daniel H. Render
 - Benzion J. Westreich

- Structured Finance: Derivatives and Structured Products
 - Daniel J. Davis
 - Carl E. Kennedy
 - Matthew F. Kluchenek
 - Lance A. Zinman

- Structured Finance: Securitization
 - Chris DiAngelo (Hall of Fame)
 - Anna-Liza Harris
 - Christopher M. Isaacs
 - John P. Keiserman
 - David J. Matthews
 - Seth M. Messner
 - Howard Schickler
 - Joseph Topolski

- US Taxes: Non-Contentious

- Saul E. Rudo
- Valentina Famparska
- Venture Capital and Emerging Companies
 - Matthew S. Brown
 - Roger J. Griesmeyer
 - David S. Kravitz
 - Jeffrey R. Patt
 - Daniel H. Render

For a complete list of Katten's results, please visit [Legal 500](#).

The Legal 500 analyzes the capabilities and assesses the strengths of law firms across the world, with a comprehensive research program revised and updated every year to bring the most up-to-date vision of the global legal market. The rankings are based on a series of criteria and highlight the practice area teams that are providing the most cutting-edge and innovative guidance to corporate counsel. Research is based on feedback from 300,000 clients worldwide, submissions from law firms, interviews with leading private practice lawyers, and a team of researchers who have unrivaled experience in the legal market.

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