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When middle-market businesses, private equity firms or family offices structure mergers, acquisitions, dispositions, spinoffs, investments and management compensation agreements, their leaders call Saul Rudo. While Saul leads teams to efficiently and effectively get to closings, he focuses on the future as much as the present, designing deals that keep his clients in optimal after-tax positions for years to come.

A direct line to efficient solutions

As the lead attorney on most of his matters, Saul offers his clients direct access to his structuring and "market" advice, without engaging in a game of "telephone" through layers of attorneys. Given his vast experience in the field, Saul delivers suggestions that are practical and "market" in nature, and that solve issues efficiently for all parties. As a result, his deals advance steadily toward closing.

Saul represents middle-market private equity firms, family offices and closely held businesses typically of up to \$1 billion in value. In addition to his extensive M&A work, Saul advises on the business structuring and tax implications of venture capital and start-up transactions, management compensation arrangements, fund formations, and the establishment and operation of family offices. Clients appreciate his service, with one noting that Saul "is very practical" and "gets over difficult tax issues in economical ways" (*Chambers USA 2022*).

Regularly ranked among leading tax attorneys in the United States, Saul has been consistently featured in *Best Lawyers in America*, *Chambers USA* and *The Legal 500*. Saul's clients value his deep knowledge and extensive experience. As one client shared, "I work primarily with Saul Rudo from Katten, who is outstanding in all categories, and I considered him to be one of the most sophisticated and reasonable attorneys I have worked with" (*U.S. News – Best Lawyers® 2022 "Best Law Firms"*).

Practices

- Corporate
- Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation
- Executive Compensation and Employee Benefits in Corporate Transactions
- Health Care Services Private Equity
- Health Care Transactions
- Independent Sponsors
- International
- Investment Management and Trading
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Transactional Tax Planning

Industries

- Education
- Education Private Equity
- Entrepreneurial Ventures
- Family Offices
- Manufacturing and Industrials Private Equity
- Private Client Services
- Technology

Education

- JD, Harvard Law School
- BS, University of Illinois

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- Florida

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Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Tax Law, 2010–2026
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2025–2026
- *Chambers USA*
 - Tax, 2010–2025
- *Leading Lawyers Network*
 - 2004–2024
- *Super Lawyers*
 - Illinois, 2006–2009, 2018–2020, 2026
- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Recommended Attorney, 2013–2025

News

- Katten Attorneys Named to 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 21, 2026)
- Katten Celebrates 101 Attorneys Honored by *Best Lawyers*® (August 21, 2025)
- Loren Lembo's Arrival Draws Coverage From *Law360*, *Bloomberg Tax* and More (July 25, 2025)
- Katten Adds Tax Partner Loren Lembo in New York (July 22, 2025)
- Katten Receives High Marks in the Legal 500 US 2025 Guide (June 11, 2025)
- *Chambers USA* 2025 Ranks Katten as Leading Law Firm (June 5, 2025)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized as *Best Lawyers*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® Award Recipients (August 15, 2024)
- Katten Highly Ranked in Legal 500 United States 2024 (June 12, 2024)
- Katten Receives High Marks in *Chambers USA* Guide 2024 (June 6, 2024)

Community Involvements

- Gastro-Intestinal Research Foundation, Board of Directors
- Jewish National Fund, Board of Directors
- OSI Group, LLC, Board of Directors

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“Saul Rudo is unsurpassed as an advisor on M&A and tax structuring transactions, possesses technical depth and is a superior listener. You will never be underserved in a difficult negotiation with Saul on your team.” “Our lead partner, Saul Rudo, is a true national expert on tax and transaction work. Saul is responsive and available around the clock which is critical in executing a successful deal.”

The Legal 500 United States 2022 (US Taxes) survey responses

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- Katten's Representation of Pinstripes Recognized as a 2024 Middle-Market Deal of the Year by *Mergers & Acquisitions Magazine* (May 17, 2024)
- Katten Represented Pinstripes in Combination With Banyan Acquisition Corporation (January 12, 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 Expands Employee Benefits Practice With New ERISA Partner (February 9, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® (August 18, 2022)
- *Bloomberg Tax* Shines Spotlight on Saul Rudo's Practice, Personal Interests (June 22, 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 Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (August 19, 2021)
- Saul Rudo Breaks Down the Biden Tax Plan With *BioWorld* (June 28, 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)

Publications

- Four Things to Know About Family Office Compensation and Talent (July 17, 2023)
- 5 Questions You Should Be Asking About Succession Planning for Your Family Office (June 30, 2022)

Presentations and Events

- 2025 Private Wealth Seminar – Chicago (October 30, 2025) | Presenter | *Business Income Tax Planning in Light of the Big Beautiful Bill*

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- IPI Mid-Spring Forum (June 18–19, 2025) | *Speaker* | *How to Position Your Family Office to Work With Independent Sponsors*
- Family Office Compensation and Talent: 2025 Trends and Planning (May 6, 2025) | *Speaker*
- Institute for Private Investors' End of Year Forum (December 10–12, 2024) | *Presenter* | *Considerations for Family Offices Under the New Regime*
- Considerations for Family Offices and Businesses Under the New Regime (November 18, 2024) | *Speaker*
- 2024 Private Wealth and Fiduciary Seminar Chicago (October 30, 2024) | *Speaker* | *Sunsetting TCJA 2025 and The Election*
- Institute for Private Investors Spring Forum (June 4–6, 2024) | *Co-Presenter* | *Good Governance Regarding Family Offices*
- Charting a Course for Family Business Legal Leadership: GCs and Principals in Dialogue (April 16, 2024) | *Panelist* | *Forming a Family Office*
- Annual Katten Private Wealth & Fiduciary Seminar (October 11, 2023) | *Speaker* | *Navigating Liquidity Events: Key Considerations*
- Institute for Private Investors' Fall Forum (September 14, 2023) | *Speaker* | *Navigating Liquidity Events: Key Considerations*
- 11th Annual Tax-Efficient Investing Forum (September 13, 2023) | *Panelist* | *11th Annual Tax-Efficient Investing Forum*
- RSM & Katten Capital Markets Family Office Insights Forum (May 23, 2023) | *Panelist* | *Family Office Structuring Panel*
- Family Office Compensation and Talent: 2023 Trends and Planning (New York) (March 29, 2023)
- Family Office Compensation and Talent: 2023 Trends and Planning (March 1, 2023)
- 10th Annual Tax-Efficient Investing Forum (November 9, 2022) | *Panelist* | *Family Office - Tax-Efficient Structuring & Investing*
- Annual Katten Private Wealth and Fiduciary Seminar (September 22, 2022) | *Speaker* | *Structuring Transactions and Tax Planning in Difficult Times*
- 9th Annual Tax-Efficient Investing Program (November 3–17, 2021) | *Speaker* | *Private Wealth – Current Concerns and Solutions*
- Pre-Liquidity Planning For a Family-Owned Business (November 2, 2021) | *Moderator*