

# Melvin L. Katten

## Senior Counsel

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### Practices

FOCUS: Transactional Tax Planning  
Corporate  
Corporate Governance  
Entrepreneurial Ventures  
Mergers and Acquisitions  
Private Equity  
Private Wealth  
White Collar and Internal Investigations

### Industries

Manufacturing and Industrials Private  
Equity

### Education

JD, The John Marshall Law School  
BS, University of Illinois

### Bar Admissions

Illinois

### Memberships

American Bar Association  
American Friends of Tel Aviv University  
Board of Directors  
Anti-Defamation League  
Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt  
University  
Better Government Association, Life  
Trustee Board  
Chicago Loop Alliance , Board of  
Directors  
Cure Violence Chicago Advisory Board  
Illinois State Bar Association  
Jewish United Fund  
Legal Club of Chicago  
Roosevelt University

Melvin Katten is a founding partner of the firm. Throughout his more-than-40-year career, he has built his success — and that of his firm — on a pragmatic approach to resolving legal challenges. He continues to advise theatrical businesses and other clients.

### A foundational practice

In his legal practice, Mel offers transactional tax planning and assistance with corporate mergers and acquisitions. He also advises on federal tax and criminal investigations. Much of his work draws on his background as a certified public accountant.

Mel's longstanding commitment to philanthropy has become ingrained into the identity of the firm. He is a former chairman of the Anti-Defamation League's Chicago Regional Board and past president of the Better Government Association and continues to serve on both boards. He currently serves as the Senior Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees of Roosevelt University, Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Directors of the Auditorium Theatre, President of the Pamela B. Katten Memorial Leukemia Research Foundation and Director Emeritus of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Chicago Chapter. He also serves on the Chicago Loop Alliance Board of Directors, the American Friends of Tel Aviv University national board and the CeaseFire Illinois Advisory Board. In 2013, Mel was elected to Tel Aviv University's International Board of Governors; he was also nominated to serve as a general trustee of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois.

### News

- Katten Founding Partner Melvin Katten Honored for Supporting the Arts (November 8, 2018)

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Standard Club  
The Chicago Bar Association

- Five Katten Partners Included on 2011 Who's Who in Chicago Business (September 5, 2011)
- Five Katten Attorneys Named to *Crain's* Who's Who (September 2010)
- Four Katten Attorneys Named Among Who's Who 2007 by *Crain's Chicago Business* (September 20, 2007)

## Publications

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- Katten Team Publishes 2018 Year-End Estate Planning Series (December 4–7, 2018)
- 2018 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 19, 2018)
- The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act: Gift, Estate and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax Reform (February 28, 2018)
- 2017 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 20, 2017)
- 2016 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 21, 2016)
- 2015 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 23, 2015)
- Eight Key Estate Planning Opportunities Arising from the Supreme Court's Decision on Same-Sex Marriage (June 29, 2015)
- 2014 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 26, 2014)
- 2013 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 2013)
- Estate Planning Opportunities Arising from Recent Revenue Ruling Concerning Marriages of Same-Sex Couples (September 3, 2013)
- Estate Planning Opportunities Arising from Recent Landmark Supreme Court Decisions Concerning Marriages of Same-Sex Couples (June 28, 2013)
- Estate Planning After the Fiscal Cliff Deal (January 16, 2013)
- 2012 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 20, 2012)
- 2011 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 23, 2011)

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- House Votes 277-148 to Approve Senate Tax Cut Extension Bill (December 17, 2010)
- 2010 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 2010)
- 2010 Estate Tax Planning Strategies—Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunities vs. Potential Traps for the Unwary (September 21, 2010)
- HIRE Act Affects Foreign Trusts and Imposes Additional Requirements on US Persons with Foreign Accounts (March 24, 2010)
- US Government Acts Quickly to Help Haiti with Tax Benefits for Donors (February 2, 2010)
- Hooray, There's No Estate Tax: Now What Do I Do? (January 7, 2010)
- Possible One-Year Elimination of Estate and Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax in 2010: Going, Going, Gone? (December 23, 2009)
- 2009 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (December 2009)
- Illinois Passes State QTIP Legislation—Does Your Estate Plan Need to Be Updated to Take Advantage? (September 28, 2009)
- Changes to New York Powers of Attorney Effective September 1 (July 28, 2009)
- 2008 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (December 2008)
- New Expatriation Legislation Passed Unanimously by Congress and Signed by President (June 2008)