

# Mark D. Rasmussen

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## Practices

FOCUS: Private Credit

## Education

JD, University of Michigan Law School

BBA, *with distinction*, University of Michigan's Ross School of Business

## Bar Admissions

Illinois

## Court Admissions

US Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

US District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Mark Rasmussen works closely with leading private credit and direct lenders, banks, private debt investors and credit or asset managers to help them deliver specialized capital solutions to help their customers' businesses grow or their own portfolio investments accelerate value creation. He frequently works with and represents many of the top active participants that provide financing to private equity-backed borrowers in the middle market space.

## 25 years' experience closing private credit deals

Clients turn to Mark with their often time-sensitive needs to provide their customers or investors with customized credit structuring and creative financing solutions. By bringing a practical perspective to clients' disciplined approaches to originate, process and close deals with speed, consistency and reliability, Mark is able to help clients further build and solidify their lending relationships throughout the market and provide their customers or investors with transparency, flexibility and service that sophisticated market participants demand. By tapping into more than 25 years' experience in business and loan restructurings and closing deals on behalf of lenders, Mark is further able to bring that unique perspective when negotiating front-end deals as well as when guiding clients through changing market cycles.

Mark is a member of Katten's nationally recognized Private Credit group, which is widely known and respected in the market for its breadth and knowledge of the middle market finance industry. With the benefit of that knowledge and resources, Mark advises senior secured, first lien, second lien and mezzanine lenders (including in bi-lateral, clubbed and broadly syndicated deals), as well as lead arrangers, administrative agents, funds and other private debt providers in all aspects of private credit deals involving both emerging and established businesses across a diverse spectrum of industries. Mark's broad base of experience includes cash flow lending deals in the sponsor finance space (including leveraged buyout and acquisition-related financings) as well as assisting lenders in recapitalization transactions, recurring revenue and franchise financings and in setting up and building out warehouse lending

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facility platforms and other specialty finance and ABL deals and negotiating intercreditor and subordination arrangements. While primarily focused on domestic debt financing transactions, Mark has also been involved in deals involving cross border components or facilities, including in Europe, Canada, Mexico, Colombia and other jurisdictions around the world.

Prior to joining Katten, Mark spent nearly 20 years advising clients exploring strategic alternatives involving distressed businesses, including representing foreign and domestic banks, secured lenders, administrative agents for lender groups, financial institutions, funds, insurance companies, indenture and corporate trustees, and shareholder and bondholder groups in commercial loan workout, restructuring and bankruptcy matters, including negotiation and documentation of related loan documents.

Mark additionally spent his first five years out of law school in a national litigation firm as a commercial litigator focusing on business litigation in state and federal courts throughout the country.

## News

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- Katten Announces Partner Promotions (August 1, 2018)

## Presentations and Events

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- Midwest Bank & Financial Institutions Special Assets Forum on Real Estate, C&I and SBA Loans (September 17–18, 2015) | *Moderator | ABI Proposed Reforms to the Bankruptcy Code*
- Monthly Meeting of the Chicago Mortgage Attorneys Association (March 18, 2015) | *Panelist | Recent Developments in Bankruptcy*
- Midwest Bank & Financial Institutions Special Assets Executive Conference on Real Estate Workouts (September 29–30, 2014) | *Chair and Moderator | The Sale and Credit Bidding of Bankrupt or Foreclosed Asset*