

Scott E. Lyons

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Practices

FOCUS: Private Credit
Distressed and Special Situations Investing
Health Care Finance
Mergers and Acquisitions
Private Equity
Restaurant and Franchise Finance

Industries

Finance and Financial Markets
Manufacturing and Industrials Private Equity
Sports and Sports Facilities

Education

JD, University of Illinois College of Law, *cum laude*
BS, University of Illinois

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Community Involvements

Jewish Council for Youth Services, Alumni Member

Recognized as a leading lawyer for commercial lending by *The Legal 500 US* and by *Chambers USA*, Scott Lyons represents finance companies, banks and other lenders who provide debt financing to support private equity-led leveraged buyouts of middle-market companies. With deep experience in the health care and tech industries, Scott's understanding of market terms and ability to execute quickly help his clients meet the intense time demands of their customers, win their next deal and strengthen their ongoing business relationships.

Knowledgeable, experienced support for debt finance deals

With his years of experience in this space and his representation of market leaders, Scott can quickly and efficiently negotiate commitment papers and credit agreements drafted by private equity sponsors and their counsel. Scott's practice covers a broad range of deal sizes, from single bank financings for family-owned companies to broadly syndicated credit facilities for upper-middle-market and large-cap equity sponsors. Scott represents senior secured, first lien, second lien, first out, last out and mezzanine lenders, agent banks, BDCs, SBIC lenders, borrowers and private equity sponsors in a range of commercial finance deals. His experience crosses a range of industries, including media and technology, software, health care, specialty finance, restaurant and franchise, and manufacturing.

Scott, who is a member of Katten's Board of Directors, advises on leveraged buyout transactions; cash flow and asset-based transactions; unitranche, first-out-last-out and one-stop financings; cross-border financings; specialty financings; health care financings; franchise financings; restructurings and distressed financings, including debtor-in-possession and exit financings.

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"He provides nuanced counsel on complex transactions and is client-oriented and efficient."

- *Chambers USA 2023*
(Illinois, Banking & Finance) survey response

Scott's institutional clients include Antares Capital; Varagon Capital Partners; Capital One National Association; Pelham S2K Partners; Victory Park Capital and First American Bank.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Banking and Finance Law, 2024
- *Chambers USA*
 - Banking & Finance, 2020–2024
- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Recommended Attorney, 2018

News

- Katten Receives High Marks in *Chambers USA Guide 2024* (June 6, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers®* (August 17, 2023)
- Katten Boosts Rankings in *Chambers USA Guide 2023* (June 1, 2023)
- Katten Ranked Leading Law Firm by *Chambers USA 2022* (June 1, 2022)
- Katten Boosts Rankings in *Chambers USA 2021* (May 20, 2021)
- Katten Rated Top Law Firm by *Chambers USA 2020* (April 23, 2020)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* (June 14, 2018)
- Katten Selected as the "Go-To" Firm for Sports Law in Chicago (July 27, 2017)

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- Katten Represents Victory Park Capital in Credit Facility Funding for Social Reality (November 4, 2014)
- Firm Attorneys Mentioned in *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* for Role in Sale of St. Louis Blues (July 6, 2006)
- Katten Represents Sellers in Sale of National Hockey League's St. Louis Blues and Operating Rights to the Savvis Center (July 3, 2006)
- Katten Names 27 New Partners (April 17, 2006)