

Chris DiAngelo

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Practices

FOCUS: Structured Finance and Securitization

Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities

Entrepreneurial Ventures

Private Credit

Real Estate Finance and Lending

Structured Products

Industries

Finance and Financial Markets

Education

JD, Columbia Law School

MA, The City University of New York

BA, Williams College

Bar Admissions

New York

Community Involvements

Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Commercial Real Estate Finance Council

Equipment Leasing and Finance Association

Structured Finance Association

Chris DiAngelo offers clients a comprehensive understanding of wholesale finance, the critical process through which banks and finance companies fund their lending activities. His intimate knowledge of the industry's business, legal and policymaking arenas have allowed him to execute some of its most innovative deals.

Solving funding challenges

For large banks, finance companies and government entities, Chris offers decades of experience in structured finance and securitizations, particularly in the area of mortgage financing. From banks to finance companies to government entities, institutions have turned to Chris to solve complex funding puzzles and manage the risk of holding financial assets.

Chris's depth of knowledge and experience enable him to quickly assess a client's financing goals and advise on the best options. Clients also benefit from his deep contacts throughout the industry and in the government. He acts as a lead counsel to the Structured Finance Association, and has served as chairman of its political action committee and co-chair of its legal counsel committee. He also serves as outside counsel to a Washington, DC, lobbying firm focused on the financial services industry.

The legal and industry knowledge that Chris brings to the table has allowed him to complete landmark financing deals. He assisted with the development of the REMIC credit risk transfer structure that marked an evolution in financing techniques, by opening the US residential mortgage credit market to an increased number of sources of private capital. Clients have high praise for his ability to manage complex deals, stating "Chris is smart and a critical partner to have on high-pressure situations" and that "he is one of the best in class." *Chambers USA* 2023 (USA Nationwide, Capital Markets: Securitization: ABS/RMBS) survey responses.

Chris's policy knowledge includes a detailed familiarity with the impact of the

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"He is excellent at communicating and boiling down the material issues to what really matters." "Chris is an amazing lawyer. He always works well with our team and always spends the time to discuss issues and more importantly, explain them in a way that we can understand as business people."

*- Chambers USA 2022
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Dodd-Frank Act on structured finance. He is also deeply informed about housing and mortgage policy reform and its impact on Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Before entering private practice, he served on the staff of the New York State Housing Finance Agency.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Securitization and Structured Finance Law, 2013–2024
- *Chambers Global*
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation
 - USA, 2010, 2012–2021
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation:
 - RMBS, 2021–2024
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation:
 - ABS, 2022–2024
- *Chambers USA*
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation, 2012–2020
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation RMBS, 2012–2017, 2020–2023
 - Capital Markets: Securitisation ABS, 2021–2023
- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Hall of Fame, 2023
 - Recommended Attorney, 2013–2022

News

- Katten Ranked as Leader in *Chambers Global Guide* 2024 (February 15, 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)