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### Practices

FOCUS: Tax  
Planning

Corporate  
Governance

Mergers and  
Acquisitions

Corporate

Entrepreneurial  
Ventures

Private Equity

White Collar,  
Investigations and  
Compliance

Tax Controversy and  
Litigation

Trusts and Estates

### Industries

Entertainment and  
Media Transactions

### Education

JD, The John  
Marshall Law  
School

BS, University of  
Illinois

### Bar Admissions

Illinois

Melvin L. Katten is a retired founding partner of Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP and presently serves as senior counsel. His legal practice includes tax and financial structure and counseling, corporate mergers and acquisitions, real estate and business ventures, as well as federal tax and criminal investigations. He is also a CPA.

Mel 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.

### 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
- Standard Club
- The Chicago Bar Association



### **Advisories**

- 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)
- 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)