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Michael Choate is a partner in the Corporate Department and is a member of the Capital Markets Group and both Real Estate Capital Markets and Private Equity Real Estate Groups. Michael's practice is broad and includes a focus on transactional matters involving both public and private real estate offerings as well as private equity and joint venture transactions along with mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance issues and federal securities compliance matters. Michael is ranked by Chambers USA Nationwide for REITs, as well as Best Lawyers in America and Legal 500.

Matters

Michael's representative experience includes:

- Advising on publicly traded and non-listed REITs in equity and debt offerings of more than \$50 billion
- Focusing on structuring public and private equity and debt offerings and private funds primarily for REITs and other real-estate related entities

- Representing publicly and privately held entities in merger and acquisition transactions including various REIT internalization transactions
- Counseling publicly traded entities on corporate governance, securities law and compliance matters including counseling boards and special committees
- Advising clients in proxy contests and tender offers, and on general corporate, partnership or limited liability company law

Practices

Capital Markets, Structured Capital, Real Estate Capital Markets, Mergers & Acquisitions, Finance

Industries

Asset Management, Private Capital, Hospitality, Gaming & Leisure, Private Equity, Private Equity Real Estate

Education

Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D.
Member and Executive Editor, *Chicago-Kent Law Review*
Loyola University Chicago, B.B.A.
Economics

Admissions & Qualifications

Illinois

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Illinois, Northern District

Memberships

American Bar Association - Business Law Section
Chicago Bar Association - Securities Law Committee
Chicago Bar Association - Corporate Law Committee
Investment Program Association, Member

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Awards & Recognition

Chambers USA: Nationwide: REITS 2018-2024

The Legal 500 United States: Real Estate 2017, 2019-2021

The Legal 500 United States: Finance - Capital Markets: Equity Offerings 2014

The Legal 500 United States: Investment Fund Formation and Management: Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) 2014, 2016-2024 (Leading Lawyer, 2023-2024)

Best Lawyers in America 2015-2024

Illinois Super Lawyers 2018-2019

2019 Outstanding Service Award, Institute for Portfolio Alternatives