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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 offerings as well as private equity and joint venture transactions along with mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance issues and federal securities compliance matters.

## Matters

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### Michael's representative experience includes:

- Advising on equity and debt offerings of more than \$50 billion
- Structuring public and private equity and debt offerings and private funds
- 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

- Representing clients in proxy contests and tender offers
- Representing special committees on merger and acquisition transactions
- Advising on general corporate, partnership or limited liability company law

#### Practices

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

#### Industries

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

#### Education

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Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D., 1989

Member and Executive Editor, *Chicago-Kent Law Review*

Loyola University Chicago, B.B.A., 1981

Economics

#### Admissions & Qualifications

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Illinois

#### Court Admissions

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U.S. District Court, Illinois, Northern District

#### Awards & Recognition

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Chambers USA: Nationwide: REITS 2018-2020

The Legal 500 United States: Real Estate 2017, 2020

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, 2016-2020

Best Lawyers in America 2015-2020

Illinois Super Lawyers 2018-2019

2019 Outstanding Service Award, Institute for Portfolio Alternatives