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Mr. Kochanek represents lenders in secured and unsecured loan originations, including multi-currency loan facilities, syndicated credit arrangements, and loans secured by stock and other assets located outside the United States, principally in Europe, Mexico, South America, and the Pacific Rim.

He also has substantial experience in commercial mortgage financings, both construction and end loans, and other real estate transactions, and in commercial financing and real estate transactions in non-traditional settings, representing foundations and community development corporations in urban revitalization projects. Mr. Kochanek has also been involved in numerous troubled loan workouts, industry syndicated loans, and loans secured by foreign collateral, both inside and outside of bankruptcy.

Mr. Kochanek has worked with banks to develop standard commercial loan documentation and lending procedures manuals, and has lectured for the Michigan Institute of Continuing Legal Education on secured transactions under UCC Article 9.

Mr. Kochanek is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America 2027* (for over 20 years) under Banking and Finance Law, in *Chambers USA 2025* under Banking & Finance, in *IFLR1000* 2025 under Banking & Finance, and in *Michigan Super Lawyers 2022* under Banking. He is listed as a 2026 "Top Lawyer" for Banking & Financial Service Law by *DBusiness* magazine. He is AV Preeminent® Peer Rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

practices & industries

Exempt Organizations and Impact Investing

Real Estate

Banking and Finance

education

University of Michigan Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif

University of Michigan, B.A., with *high distinction*

admissions

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HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2003-2027, Banking and Finance Law
- *Chambers USA 2006-2026*, Banking & Finance
- *IFLR1000 2025*, Banking & Finance "Highly Regarded Practitioner"-Michigan, U.S.-National
- *DBusiness* Magazine "Top Lawyers" 2009-2022 and 2025, Banking & Financial Service Law
- *Michigan Super Lawyers 2011-2022*, Banking
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
  - Commercial Finance Committee
  - Forum on Affordable Housing & Community Development Law
  - Loan Documentation Subcommittee
- State Bar of Michigan
  - Business Law Section

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author (with Hebba Aref), "Summary of Main Street Business Lending Program," Bodman COVID-19 Response Team Update, May 2020