



## Cadwalader Welcomes Securitization Industry Leader Steven T. Kolyer

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# Welcome

# Steven Kolyer

Partner  
New York

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**Steven T. Kolyer**, a leading securitization and structured products lawyer specializing in commercial real estate finance, has joined Cadwalader as co-head of the firm's CRE CLO practice, based in New York. Steven will co-head the practice with Jeffrey Rotblat, a senior Cadwalader partner who is also a leader in commercial real estate securitization.

"We are very excited to welcome Steve to our firm," said Cadwalader Managing Partner Pat Quinn. "Like many of our partners, Steve has played a leading role in the development of many securitization products dating back to the origins of the market in the U.S. and abroad. It's not every day that a 'hall of fame' partner joins an industry-leading practice. This is great for our Capital Markets and Real Estate teams and, ultimately, an unbeatable combination for Cadwalader's clients."

Steven has broad experience in securitizations, structured credit products, fund formation and finance, and both real estate and corporate CLOs. He has extensive experience in a variety of structured products and financings, fund formation and finance, and conventional securities offerings, including asset-based securities and a broad range of other fixed income debt products. Steven has represented various banks and funds in CRE CLOs and single asset/single borrower (SASB) CMBS issuances, as well as corporate CLOs, CFOs, investment funds and fund financings.

Steven's innovations have included first-time structures with CRE and residential mortgages, commercial and consumer receivables and other types of financial assets, and in various types of CRE and corporate CLOs, CFOs and other actively managed fund and specialty finance products. He has been recognized as a leading securitization lawyer by numerous industry sources, including *The Legal 500 U.S.* ("Hall of Fame" inductee and "Leading Lawyer" in structured finance), *Chambers USA* (Nationwide, 2006–2025) and *Chambers Global* (USA, 2007–2025) (Band 1 for

Capital Markets: Securitization: CRE CLOs and a “Spotlight Lawyer” for Capital Markets: Securitization – CLOs and CRE CLOs), and many other legal and business publications.

Steven, who comes to Cadwalader from a global law firm where he was a partner in its global finance department, is the latest lateral partner to join the firm in 2025 in areas of strategic importance to clients, following Bron Jones, Doug Murning and Matt Worth (Fund Finance); Dan Meade (Financial Regulation); Doug Mintz (Financial Restructuring and Special Situations); Rebecca Crowley (Infrastructure Finance); and Ed Holmes (Leveraged Finance).

The news of Steven’s arrival also comes on the heels of Cadwalader’s **reported first-half 2025 financial performance pacing ahead of the firm’s record revenue** results in 2024, as well as an extraordinarily busy time for Cadwalader in two key areas: securitizations, where the **firm topped the first-half 2025 league tables**, a position it’s occupied for over 25 years; and real estate finance, where the **firm has added a number of lawyers since May 2025** and has closed over 20 major deals during the same period. As one of the most active practitioners at the intersection of securitizations and real estate, Steven’s arrival reflects a continued commitment to providing clients with integrated real estate loan origination and related securitization services.

“I am thrilled to join Cadwalader,” said Steven. “The securitization bar is a closely knit community, and there’s no greater group of hard-working, client-first lawyers than my new colleagues. We have inspired each other for decades, innovating on behalf of clients, and I can’t wait to join them in continuing this tradition of legal excellence together on the same team.”