

## David Love Joins Winston & Strawn in Chicago

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Winston & Strawn recently announced that David Love has joined the firm's Chicago office as a partner in the Transactions Department and a member of the Finance Practice. David represents leading private equity sponsors in leveraged finance transactions, with a focus on acquisition financings across the large-cap and middle markets. He also advises clients on liability management transactions.

"Winston is exceptionally active in the middle market private equity space and has become a go-to firm for leveraged finance work," said David. "I'm thrilled to join a team that's scaling quickly and doing highly impactful work."

"Chicago remains a center of gravity for private equity, and our clients are pursuing more complex transactions than ever," added Chicago Office Managing Partner William O'Neil in the [press release](#) announcing his arrival. "David brings the experience and perspective that will help us continue to support that activity with the depth and sophistication clients expect from Winston."

David's move to Winston has been covered in the following media outlets:

- "Winston Hires Kirkland Debt Finance Lawyer in Chicago Office," [Bloomberg Law](#)
- "Winston & Strawn Adds Leveraged Finance Partner," [Private Equity Professional](#)
- "Winston & Strawn Adds Partner Love to Leveraged Finance Team," [ABF Journal](#)
- "Winston & Strawn Adds Partner David Love to Growing Leveraged Finance Team," [Global Legal Chronicle](#)
- "Winston & Strawn Adds Partner Love to Growing Leveraged Finance Team," [ABL Advisor](#)
- "Sidley Austin Adds M&A and PE Partner From King & Spalding, as Chicago Moves Stack Up," [The American Lawyer](#)
- "Wake Up Call," [Bloomberg Law](#)
- "Everyone's making moves in IL-07," [Politico](#)
- "This week's people moves," [IFLR](#)

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