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Services

Business & Finance
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Keith Berk represents larger sized closely-held businesses and their owners in mergers and acquisitions and as outside general counsel. He is well-known as a facilitator for middle-market “deals,” implementing a wide range of tax-advantaged capital structures, shareholder and family-ownership structures, and private-equity structures to enhance growth and to provide exit strategies.

As outside general counsel, Keith advises on strategies that help businesses attract and retain key management, minimize risk, and maximize opportunities for long-term growth. He has also assisted numerous family-owned businesses with generational succession planning and creative family dispute resolutions.

Prior to joining the firm, Keith was a partner in the Business and Finance Group at HMB Legal Counsel, a well-established, corporate-focused law firm based in Chicago, Illinois.

Keith is listed in the 2027 and the three immediately preceding editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Corporate Law. He was named a “Leading Lawyer” in 2023 and 2025 for Closely and Privately Held Business Law by *Leading Lawyers* magazine. Keith was recognized as one of its “Notable M&A Dealmakers” in 2025 by *Crain’s Chicago Business*. He is also a founding member of the Northmoor Education Foundation (NEF). Founded in 2018, the NEF awards educational scholarships to assist Northmoor Country Club employees and their children as they continue their education in college or vocational school programs.

Education

University of Illinois College of Law J.D. (1983)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign B.A. (1980) *with high honors*

Admissions

Illinois (1983)

Professional & Community Activities

YPO Gold Chicago, Board of Directors, Member

GPF Foundation, Board of Directors, Member and Vice President

Northmoor Education Foundation, Board of Directors, Member

University of Illinois Gies School of Business, Board of Advisors, Member

Certified Public Accountant – Illinois

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