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Katrell advocates on behalf of the firm's clients in Albany and New York, and serves as a strategic adviser to our land use clients. He is a highly regarded public policy strategist, with a proven track record of building consensus with legislators and government agencies, having spent his early career successfully paving the way for affordable housing for New Yorkers.

Most recently, Katrell served as vice president of government and community partnerships at Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County. During his tenure at Habitat for Humanity, Katrell helped to create hundreds of affordable homeownership units and affordable LGBTQ senior housing, successfully advanced bipartisan state legislation to reform the state's affordable homeownership program, and advocated for the addition of \$400 million in affordable homeownership funding for NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal. As a result of his leadership, *Crain's New York Business* honored Katrell with their annual 40 under 40 recognition in 2022.

Katrell also brings experience in community fundraising, helping to secure funding from donors, corporate sponsors, and government partners for community organizations, including the Harlem YMCA and the Brooklyn United Marching Band. Katrell also served as a government relations fellow for the William J. Clinton Foundation (Clinton Global Initiative).

Katrell earned his M.P.A. at The City University of New York, Baruch College Marx School of Public and International Affairs, and his B.A. in political science at The City University of New York, College of Staten Island. He speaks American Sign Language. In recognition of his professional accomplishments, Katrell has been named a *Crain's New York Business* 40 Under Forty 2022 and a *City & State Albany* 40 Under Forty 2023.

Practice Areas

- Government and Regulatory Affairs
- Government Relations - Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies

Education

- Baruch College The City University of New York, M.P.A., 2023
- College of Staten Island – City University of New York, B.A., 2012

Awards & Honors

- Albany 40 Under 40, City & State New York, 2023
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