

# Michael L. Sherlock

## Associate

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### Practices

FOCUS: Private Wealth  
Corporate  
Mergers and Acquisitions

### Industries

Family Offices  
Private Client Services

### Education

JD, Boston University School of Law  
BS, Clemson University, Economics,  
*summa cum laude*

### Bar Admissions

Illinois

Michael L. Sherlock maintains a robust corporate practice enabling him to effectively solve a broad array of business challenges. His goal is to identify, prioritize and solve the critically important issues facing a deal or project while simultaneously driving the transaction to a swift conclusion.

### Applying practical and efficient solutions to complex corporate issues

At Katten, Michael primarily represents family offices and high-net-worth individuals in their corporate transactions. Michael's practice encompasses corporate and family office structuring, private investments, and acquisitions and divestitures. Michael also serves the role of outside general counsel for his clients, advising on startup and formation matters, employee incentive and co-investment plans, confidentiality and proprietary rights agreements, and other general corporate matters.

Prior to joining Katten, Michael worked at a boutique corporate law firm in Chicago primarily focusing on middle-market mergers and acquisitions. In his role as deal counsel, Michael managed external and internal teams to efficiently execute time sensitive transactions, enhance strategic outcomes, and minimize execution risk. His clients included private equity-backed Veterinary Service Organizations, middle-market businesses and their owners, and high-net-worth individuals.

### Representative Experience

- Lead counsel representing private equity-backed Veterinary Support Organizations in closing over 60 add-on acquisitions.\*
- Represented family office in its structuring, venture capital and other private investments, and day-to-day corporate management.\*
- Advised vertically integrated cannabis company in its sale to a publicly

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traded MSO.\*

- Advised custom-labeling business in its sale to private equity-backed purchaser.\*
- Represented independent marketing innovation company in sale to private equity firm, which sale established digital marketing platform.\*
- Advised ophthalmic instruments business in sale to private equity-backed purchaser.\*
- Advised majority owner in sale of private label oral care business to internationally headquartered, publicly traded pharmaceutical company.\*
- Advised venture capital arm of trading firm on various VC investments.\*

\*Experience prior to Katten

## Recognitions

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*Recognized or listed in the following:*

- *Super Lawyers Rising Stars*
  - Illinois, 2021-2023

## News

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- Katten Attorneys Selected to 2023 Illinois Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Lists (January 24, 2023)

## Publications

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- 2022 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory (November 17, 2022)

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## Presentations and Events

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- Annual Katten Private Wealth and Fiduciary Seminar (September 22, 2022)