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Practices

FOCUS: Private Equity
Corporate
Corporate Governance
Entrepreneurial Ventures
Health Care
Health Care Services Private Equity
Health Care Transactions
Independent Sponsors
Mergers and Acquisitions
Private Equity Regulatory Compliance

Industries

Education Private Equity
Family Offices
Finance and Financial Markets
Insurance Private Equity
Manufacturing and Industrials Private Equity
Technology

Education

JD, Georgetown University Law Center
BS, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, *summa cum laude*, Bronze Tablet

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Community Involvements

Law360, Private Equity Editorial Board, 2022, 2023
Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago, Corporate Board Member

The global chair of Katten's Corporate department, Kimberly Smith helps her clients buy, sell and invest in businesses. Widely honored for her work across a range of industries, her true talent lies in structuring complex transactions and eliminating all road blocks to making them happen.

The power of experience

Described by clients as “tremendously impressive” and having a “calm and steady presence on a deal” (*Chambers USA* 2023 survey responses), Kimberly has vast experience in the mergers and acquisitions transactions she handles. It arms her with insight into current market terms as well as knowledge of challenges that commonly arise. At the same time, every deal involves unique considerations. Whether representing a private equity fund, family office, independent sponsor, strategic acquirer or business seller, Kimberly listens to what really matters to them in each transaction. Then, she strategizes accordingly and gets the deal done.

Kimberly frequently counsels private equity funds and strategic acquirers buying and selling health care services businesses that use practice management models. She has worked extensively on transactions involving search funds and independent sponsors. She also is a member of Katten's Executive Committee and its Board of Directors.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Chambers USA*
 - Corporate/M&A: Private Equity, 2021–2022
 - Private Equity: Buyouts, 2023
- *Crain's Chicago Business*
 - Notable Gen X Leaders in Accounting, Consulting and Law, 2021–2022
 - Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers, 2018
 - Notable Women in Law, 2020, 2022, 2024

"Kim is absolutely fantastic. She's incredibly practical,

personable and responsive."

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