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Practices

Corporate
Financial Markets and Funds
Mergers and Acquisitions

Industries

FOCUS: Health Care
Health Care Services Private Equity

Education

JD, New York University School of Law
BA, Brandeis University, *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia
New York

Christopher Locke has the right experience and knowledge to guide health care entities through transactions that affect their businesses. His decades of involvement in a variety of transactions allow him to explain deal terms in ways that are meaningful to clients. Whether he's representing a professional practice, hospital system, management company or medical device manufacturer, he is able to understand and negotiate terms to accomplish their strategic goals.

Trusted advisor for major transactions

Health care entities trust Christopher with major transactions relating to their businesses. Deals that he works on regularly include purchases and sales of professional practices by private equity-backed entities, hospital system acquisitions, joint ventures and other arrangements with professional practices, other hospital systems and universities and fundraising for nonprofessional entities. Negotiating and drafting these sometimes-complex agreements are just one aspect of Christopher's work. He is a trusted advisor, in part, because he provides as much business insight as legal counsel.

Many of Katten's health care clients rely on Christopher to serve as their outside general counsel, as his broad industry knowledge gives him the insight to advise management and boards of directors on a range of issues. Clients also turn to him for sensitive government investigations, benefiting from his experience as a former special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Representative Experience

- Represented large physician practice in New York in its acquisition by a hospital system.*

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- Represented small public health care company in numerous PIPE rounds, Exchange Act reporting and an uplisting from OTC to NASDAQ.*

Health care transactions

- Represented urology practice in Tennessee in a sale transaction with a private equity fund-backed management entity.
- Represented ambulatory surgical center in Maryland and its owners in the sale of 60% of its outstanding equity to a national management company.
- Represented management company and affiliated urgent care practice in New York in its acquisition by a private equity fund.*
- Represent management company in its formation, financing and affiliation with a fertility practice in California and New York.
- Represent national hospital system in a joint venture with a university medical center with respect to a rehabilitation hospital in New Mexico.
- Represent national hospital system in the acquisition of assets and assumption of operations of a rural hospital in Oklahoma.
- Represent seven Colorado oncology groups in combining into one entity.
- Represent teletherapy provider in negotiating payor contracts and regulatory issues.

Equity financings

- Represent start-up telemedicine device manufacturer in its formation, numerous rounds of equity and debt financing, and numerous commercial agreements with vendors and distributors.
- Represented start-up virtual security device developer in its formation, numerous rounds of equity financing and commercial agreements with vendors and distributors.*

Government investigations

- Represented CLIA laboratory in its defense against a *qui tam* anti-kickback investigation.*

*Experience prior to Katten

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Recognitions

- The Legal 500 United States
 - Recommended Attorney, 2017

News

- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States 2017* (May 31, 2017)

Presentations and Events

- Getting Physician Deals Done in the Time of COVID (November 5, 2020) | *Speaker*