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As a partner in Katten's Sports and Sports Facilities practice, Josh Lewis represents professional sports teams and investors in connection with team acquisitions and sales, governance and day-to-day operations, equity financings, sponsorship deals and other commercial matters.

A background of experience that leads to industry knowledge

Prior to joining Katten, Josh worked at an international law firm in Chicago and interned in the media relations department for one team in Major League Baseball. During law school, Josh participated in the student honors program at the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

Representative Experience

- Represent the Athletics in connection with the team's financing of a new stadium in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Represented the Chicago White Sox on a long-term ownership investment agreement with Justin Ishbia, founding partner of Shore Capital Partners.
- Represented the Philadelphia Phillies with respect to equity investments.
- Represented Greg and Dawn Williams, on their groundbreaking investment in an entity controlled by Spartan Ventures, an entity affiliated with Michigan State University (MSU), as part of their commitment to MSU.
- Represented purchaser in acquiring the Dallas Mavericks. Negotiated and documented the acquisition, equity structure and NBA's approval of the transaction.
- Represented purchaser in acquiring the Charlotte Hornets. Negotiated and documented the acquisition, equity structure and NBA's approval of the transaction.
- Represented Silver Chalice in acquiring a controlling interest in 120 Sports (Stadium).

Practices

- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions

Industries

- Sports and Sports Facilities

Education

- JD, Georgetown University Law Center
- BA, Indiana University

Bar Admissions

- Illinois

- Represented purchasers of minority interests in the Atlanta Hawks, Minnesota Timberwolves and Nashville Soccer Club.
- Represent the Philadelphia Union with respect to equity investments, employment agreements, the naming rights agreement of the WSFS Bank Sportsplex and other sponsorship agreements.
- Represent the Chicago Bulls with respect to sponsorship agreements and employment agreements.
- Represent the Seattle Kraken with respect to equity investments, ownership transfers and employment agreements.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Ones to Watch
    - Insurance Law, 2023–2027
    - Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2025–2027
- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Recommended Attorney, 2024–2026

News

- Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2027 *Best Lawyers* Guide (August 20, 2026)
- Katten Earns Top Rankings in the Legal 500 US 2026 Guide (June 10, 2026)
- Katten Team Advises Penner Sports Group on Colorado Rockies Investment (May 13, 2026)
- Katten Team Guides Williams Family Investment in Spartan Media Ventures (December 15, 2025)
- Katten's Rising Leaders Named to 2026 *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® List (August 21, 2025)
- Katten Receives High Marks in the Legal 500 US 2025 Guide (June 11, 2025)
- Katten Team Advises Chicago White Sox on Long-Term Ownership Investment Agreement (June 6, 2025)

- Katten Team Represents Perdoceo Education Corporation in Acquisition of University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (December 20, 2024)
- Katten Represents TraceGains in Acquisition by Veralto (October 10, 2024)
- Katten Announces 2024 Partner Promotions (August 27, 2024)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized as *Best Lawyers*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® Award Recipients (August 15, 2024)
- Katten Highly Ranked in Legal 500 United States 2024 (June 12, 2024)
- Katten Represents Buyers Acquiring Controlling Ownership Interest in Dallas Mavericks (January 4, 2024)
- Katten Represents Buyer Group in Majority Stake Purchase of Charlotte Hornets (September 6, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers*® (August 17, 2023)
- Katten Represents SMS Assist in Record-Setting Prop Tech M&A Deal (January 23, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® (August 18, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Help Drive $3.2 Billion US Car Dealership Deal (October 6, 2021)
- Katten's Industry Leading Corporate Practice Continues to Grow (September 14, 2021)

Presentations and Events

- Going Beyond the Game: Growing the Landscape of Sport (May 13, 2026) | *Panelist*