

Kimberly Smith Named to Top 25 Most Influential Women in Mid-Market M&A in 2021

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Partner and co-chair of Katten's Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity groups Kimberly Smith was named to *Mergers & Acquisitions* Top 25 Most Influential Women in Mid-Market M&A in its sixth annual edition of the list. The honor recognizes Kimberly for her leadership and innovation in the dealmaking community and her advocacy for equity, diversity and inclusion.

Kimberly was profiled in the list and discussed her role leading the legal team that advised Select Rehabilitation, a provider of physical, occupational and speech therapy services to patients in nursing facilities throughout 35 states, on its deal to acquire Kindred Healthcare's RehabCare, an acquisition that created one of the country's largest providers of contract rehabilitation services with pro forma revenues exceeding $1 billion.

"I view it as a significant deal in the healthcare services space that allows my client to stay ahead as a leader in this evolving landscape…," Kimberly said.

When it comes to advocating for inclusion and equality, Kimberly's role as a member of Katten's Board of Directors has allowed her to influence diversity and inclusion initiatives at Katten, which included supporting the firm's internal listening circles in response to racial injustice, its participation in the Law Firm Antiracism Alliance, and its launch of an initiative on how to be a stronger ally in diversity at work.

As part of her commitment to helping other women succeed, Kimberly is a member of Katten's Women Leadership Forum and serves on its National Mentoring Panel through which she mentors female attorneys.

"For me, it's a way to give back. I get to advise female lawyers on their career goals, developing skills, and utilizing strategies to develop new business. I also listen to any work-life concerns or professional development hurdles they face and try to help them knock down any barriers to success," Kimberly said.

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