

Kimberly Smith Addresses Strength of Katten's Private Equity Platform

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Private Equity co-chair Kimberly Smith spoke with Law360 on lateral attorney movement and what Katten does to keep people engaged. Kim noted that when she speaks with partners at other firms looking to make a lateral move, it is not uncommon to hear that they either want to grow their business in a practice area not offered at their current firm or they don't feel that their opinions are valued. Addressing that concern, she stated, "Here at Katten, we have roundtables from the youngest to the most experienced, where we invite the right people and create opportunities for them to showcase their expertise in a way that's helpful to them and the firm versus sitting in an office and drafting documents all day." One example Kim provided was a cross-practice health care transaction panel that Katten recently hosted featuring internal thought leaders as well as some clients and other industry experts. The article also notes that Kim's decision to join Katten as a lateral partner in 2015 was swayed by a number of compelling selling points, stating "Katten's private equity practice offers a fantastic platform for my PE clients." ("How To Stop Your Best Lawyers From Getting Poached," July 27, 2016)

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