

Christopher M. Locke

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Practices

FOCUS: Health Care

Corporate

Health Care Regulatory and Compliance

Health Care Services Private Equity

Mergers and Acquisitions

Education

JD, New York University School of Law

BA, Brandeis University, *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

New York

Community Involvements

American Bar Association, Business Law Section

Health Law and Life Science

Subcommittee, Health Care M&A Chair

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 is representing a professional practice, hospital system, management entity 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 partnerships of professional practices with private equity-backed management entities (with experience representing both sides); hospital system acquisitions, joint ventures and other arrangements with professional practices, other hospital systems and universities; and regulatory and structural compliance for telehealth entities, in particular behavioral health. 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.

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Representative Experience

- Represented a national private equity fund-backed management entity in its partnership with nephrology practices in Georgia and Pennsylvania.
- Represented a national private equity fund-backed management entity in its partnership with concierge medicine practices in Arizona, California, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Texas and Virginia.
- Represented a national anesthesia private equity fund-backed management entity in its partnership with numerous anesthesia practices and management companies in a variety of states.
- Represented gastroenterology practices in Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Jersey and Tennessee in partnerships with private equity fund-backed management entities.
- Represented urology practices in Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York and Tennessee in partnerships with private equity fund-backed management entities.
- Represented emergency department staffing practices in Illinois and North Carolina in partnerships with a private equity fund-backed management entity.
- Represented an ear, nose and throat practice in Texas in a partnership with a private equity fund-backed management entity.
- Represented an ophthalmology practice in Florida in a partnership with a private equity fund-backed management entity.
- Represented a radiology practice in the US Virgin Islands in a partnership with a private equity fund-backed radiology practice.
- Represented an ambulatory surgical center in Maryland and its owners in the sale of 60% of its outstanding equity to a national management company and subsequent repurchase of such facility.

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- Represented numerous behavioral health telehealth providers and associated management companies in formation and expansion across state lines and advised as to regulatory and structural issues.
- Represented a national hospital system in a joint venture with a university medical center with respect to a rehabilitation hospital in New Mexico.
- Represented a national hospital system in the acquisition of assets and assumption of operations of a rural hospital in Oklahoma.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Recommended Attorney, 2017

News

- Katten Represented Growing Urology Practice AUI in Its Affiliation With Solaris Health (March 10, 2022)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* 2017 (May 31, 2017)

Presentations and Events

- 20th Annual Washington Health Law Summit | ABA Health Law Section (December 13, 2022) | *Panelist | Healthcare Provider Non-Compete Restrictive Covenants: Recent Developments for Employment and Transactions*
- ABA Business Law Section Hybrid Annual Meeting 2022 | Health Law and Life Sciences Committee (September 17, 2022) | *Presenter | Practicing Telehealth Across State Borders and Business Meeting*

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