

Christopher M. Locke

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Practices

Corporate
Financial Markets and Funds
Mergers and Acquisitions
Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity

Industries

FOCUS: Health Care
Health Care Regulatory and Compliance
Health Care Services Private Equity
Health Care Transactions
Health Information Privacy and Security
Medicare/Medicaid Reimbursement

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 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 (both seller and buyer 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 anesthesia private equity fund-backed management entity in its acquisition of numerous anesthesia practices and management companies in a variety of states.
- Represented gastroenterology practices in Arkansas, Arizona, Indiana, California, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Jersey and Tennessee in sales transactions with private equity fund-backed management entities.
- Represented urology practices in Colorado, New York and Tennessee in sale transactions with private equity fund-backed management entities.
- Represented emergency department staffing practice in Illinois in a sale transaction with a private equity fund-backed management entity.
- Represented an ophthalmology practice in Florida in a sale transaction with a private equity fund-backed management entity.
- Represented a radiology practice in the US Virgin Islands in a sale transaction 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.
- 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.

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