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Katten Muchin Zavis Rosenman Represents New Ownership Group in Acquisition of Major League Baseball's Oakland Athletics *Firm Represents Group Led by Hotel Magnate Lewis Wolff*

CHICAGO - The law firm of Katten Muchin Zavis Rosenman is pleased to have served as legal counsel to a group led by California businessman and longtime baseball fan Lewis Wolff in its recent acquisition of the Oakland Athletics Major League Baseball club. Wolff's group purchased the team from former owners Steve Schott and Ken Hoffman who had owned the Athletics since 1995. The acquisition closed on March 31, 2005, prior to the start of the team's 2005 regular season.

"Lew is one of the nicest and most charismatic businessmen I have worked with in recent years and we are pleased to have helped his group successfully pursue the unique opportunity to own a Major League Baseball team," said [Adam Klein](#), counsel for the new ownership group and a Chicago-based partner in the Firm's Corporate Practice.

The Firm, which called upon its experience in representing the Chicago White Sox and other prospective purchasers of Major League Baseball franchises, worked closely with the purchasers in negotiating and documenting the acquisition, their equity structure, bank financing and the League's approval of the transaction. Additional members of the Firm's legal team that worked on the transaction included of counsel [Gerald M. Penner](#), partner [Michael A. Jacobson](#), and associates [Paul Kingsley](#), [Scott Lyons](#) and [Lance Zinman](#), all based in the Chicago office.

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