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Katten Partners Adam Klein and Daniel Render Named “Sports Power Lawyers”

(CHICAGO) Katten announced today that Corporate Partners Adam R. Klein and Daniel H. Render were honored on *The Hollywood Reporter* inaugural “Sports Power Lawyers” list, bolstering Katten’s status as a go-to firm for a wide range of matters related to the business of professional sports.

The list names some of the most sought-after attorneys in US professional sports, highlighting their client portfolios, extensive experience and reputations in the industry. The report said of Klein “there is hardly a team (he) hasn’t assisted in some manner” and noted that Render “is known industry wide as an expert in acquisitions and sales.”

Klein and Render represent various teams in Major League Baseball (MLB), the National Basketball Association (NBA), National Hockey League (NHL), National Football League (NFL), Major League Soccer (MLS), Women’s National Basketball Association (WNBA), National Women’s Soccer League (NWSL), as well as arenas and stadiums, lenders, investors, sponsors and regional sports networks, to name some.

“Their enviable client lists read like a sports superfan’s ultimate dream. Their work truly is remarkable and a definite point of pride for the firm,” said Katten CEO Noah Heller. “Representing so many teams across the major US pro leagues is not just a testament to their sharp legal skill — it’s a reflection of the unswerving trust clients have in Adam and Daniel.”

Klein, who chairs Katten’s Sports and Sports Facilities practice, has represented the Chicago White Sox, Chicago Bulls, Oakland Athletics, Philadelphia Phillies, St. Louis Blues, New York Islanders, Seattle Kraken, Boston Celtics, Detroit Pistons, Atlanta Hawks, Miami Heat and Memphis Grizzlies. His clients also have included the Charlotte Hornets, Oklahoma City Thunder, San Antonio Spurs, Chicago Fire, DC United, Philadelphia Union, San Jose Earthquakes as well as United Center, Chase Center, investors in the New York Mets, Denver Broncos, Pittsburgh Penguins and Swansea City AFC, among others.

Render, a partner in the Sports and Sports Facilities practice, has represented teams, including those in Chicago as well as the Golden State Warriors, Sacramento Kings, Milwaukee Bucks, Los Angeles Clippers, Charlotte Hornets, Phoenix Suns, Seattle Kraken, New York Islanders, DC United, Oakland A's, Baltimore Ravens, Cleveland Browns, Philadelphia Union, Real Salt Lake, Swansea AFC, Golden State Valkyries and Utah Royals, among others.

The latest distinction follows their recognition by the *Sports Business Journal* as "Power Players: Outside Counsel" in 2021. Additionally, Render was distinguished among *Law360*'s 2022 Rising Stars and the *Sports Business Journal* Forty Under 40, Class of 2023. Klein has been named among *Law360*'s Sports MVPs.

"In the world of sports law, few names command the recognition that Adam and Daniel have garnered," said Kimberly Smith, global chair of Katten's Corporate department. "Not only has their work elevated our sports law practice but it has helped define what it means to be a trusted advisor at the highest level of professional sports."

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