

# Kimberly T. Smith

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## Practices

FOCUS: Private Equity  
Corporate  
Corporate Governance  
Entrepreneurial Ventures  
Health Care  
Health Care Services Private Equity  
Health Care Transactions  
Independent Sponsors  
Mergers and Acquisitions  
Private Equity Regulatory Compliance

## Industries

Education Private Equity  
Family Offices  
Finance and Financial Markets  
Insurance Private Equity  
Manufacturing and Industrials Private Equity  
Technology

## Education

JD, Georgetown University Law Center  
BS, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, *summa cum laude*, Bronze Tablet

## Bar Admissions

Illinois

## Community Involvements

Law360, Private Equity Editorial Board, 2022, 2023

Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago, Corporate Board Member

The global chair of Katten's Corporate department, Kimberly Smith helps her clients buy, sell and invest in businesses. Widely honored for her work across a range of industries, her true talent lies in structuring complex transactions and eliminating all road blocks to making them happen.

## The power of experience

Described by clients as “tremendously impressive” and having a “calm and steady presence on a deal” (*Chambers USA 2023* survey responses), Kimberly has vast experience in the mergers and acquisitions transactions she handles. It arms her with insight into current market terms as well as knowledge of challenges that commonly arise. At the same time, every deal involves unique considerations. Whether representing a private equity fund, family office, independent sponsor, strategic acquirer or business seller, Kimberly listens to what really matters to them in each transaction. Then, she strategizes accordingly and gets the deal done.

Kimberly frequently counsels private equity funds and strategic acquirers buying and selling health care services businesses that use practice management models. She has worked extensively on transactions involving search funds and independent sponsors. She also is a member of Katten's Executive Committee and its Board of Directors.

## Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Chambers USA*
  - Corporate/M&A: Private Equity, 2021–2022
  - Private Equity: Buyouts, 2023
- *Crain's Chicago Business*
  - Notable Gen X Leaders in Accounting, Consulting and Law, 2021–2022
  - Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers, 2018
  - Notable Women in Law, 2020, 2022, 2024

"Kim is absolutely fantastic. She's incredibly practical,

personable and responsive."

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