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Quartet of firms handles \$2 billion LA Clippers sale to former Microsoft CEO

Greenberg Glusker Fields Claman & Machtinger LLP represented Los Angeles Clippers co-owner Shelly Sterling in the \$2 billion sale of the basketball team to former Microsoft Corp. CEO Steve Ballmer, a deal announced Friday.

Los Angeles partner Bob Baradaran and of counsel Pierce H. O'Donnell led the Greenberg Glusker team, which included partners Bert Fields, Richard L. Hong, Richard J. Sweet, Caroline S. Heindel, Laura A. Zwicker, Marc M. Stern, Gary L. Kaplan and Chad Coombs.

Covington & Burling LLP Washington, D.C. special counsel Scott A. Roades advised Ballmer in the transaction.

Kirkland & Ellis LLP represented Bank of America Merrill Lynch as financial adviser to the Sterling Family Trust with a team that included Los Angeles partner Rick C. Madden and associate Bianca Levin-Soler.

Manatt Phelps & Phillips LLP partner Robert H. Platt serves as general counsel to the Clippers.