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Young Guns



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Katz's grandfather was a doctor. His dad? Doctor. Ditto for his older brother. So what did his family advise him? "Go to medical school."

But Katz held his ground, defying the family profession and going to law school.

The 38-year-old McLean resident moved from Shaw Pittman to MoFo in March. His practice focuses on M&As, private equity and venture capital, financing and securities.

His portfolio features some of the biggest names around. In the past 18 months, he has led three acquisitions for Fairfax-based webMethods, obtained a \$160 million credit facility for SI International of Reston, and led the sale of The Presidio Corp. of Greenbelt.

The best advice he's ever received came from his mother, who told him he should marry the woman who would become his wife, Rebecca Nassab, the first time she met her. He did, and he and Rebecca, also a lawyer, have one son.

Katz enjoys sports — he'd love to be a pro hockey general manager — but he doesn't have much time to watch or play. So his favorite Web site is ESPN.com, because it allows him to follow sports without a huge time investment.