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NEW YORK—November 8, 2018—Co-Chair of O'Melveny's Sports Industry Group Charles "Chuck" Baker will offer a behind-the-scenes look at the National Football League's record-breaking Carolina Panthers deal at the 2018 Wharton Sports Business Summit, which will be held November 9, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at John M. Huntsman Hall.

In his breakout session titled, "Inside the Deal," Baker will discuss his experience leading the O'Melveny team representing David Tepper, founder and president of global hedge fund Appaloosa Management, in his successful acquisition of the National Football League's Carolina Panthers, the largest transaction for an NFL team to date. The session will also touch on trends in sports dealmaking, including esports and legalized sports gambling.

Designed to bring students from the University of Pennsylvania and other schools together with industry leaders, the 2018 Wharton Sports Business Summit will explore such topics as Sports Content Distribution & Monetization, Social Activism Through Sport, Sports Journalism, and Investment. Jeff Luhnow, general manager and president of Baseball Operations for the Houston Astros, and Scott O'Neil, chief executive officer of Harris Blitzer Sports & Entertainment, will serve as keynote speakers.

Recently featured in *Variety's* 2018 Dealmaker's Elite: New York, Baker's practice encompasses mergers and acquisitions, private equity, and venture capital transactions. He has represented buyers and sellers of sports franchises in the NFL, NBA, NHL, MLB, MLS, and many of the European football leagues.

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