

Phillips Murrah Managing Partner quoted in Journal Record article about OKC Thunder trades

A Journal Record article published on July 8, 2019 features Phillips Murrah Managing Partner [Tom Wolfe](#)'s insight about the recent changes in the Oklahoma City Thunder's team line-up. The article, titled ['Progress comes through change': Thunder expected to rebound from trade shakeup](#), explores the possible impact that losing small forward Paul George and the possibility of losing point guard Russell Westbrook would have on the OKC community.

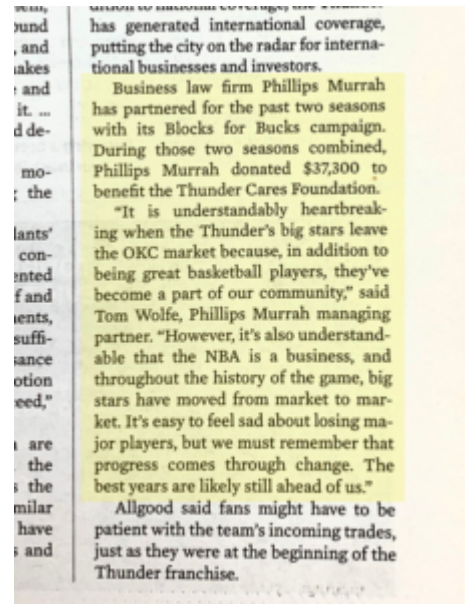


From the article:

OKLAHOMA CITY – For many Oklahoma City Thunder fans, the loss of Paul George to the Los Angeles Clippers and the potential trade of Russell Westbrook pose a concern about how well-attended future games might be after eight years of selling out Chesapeake Energy Arena.

Each of the arena's 18,203 seats has been sold at every Thunder game since 2011, and renewals for season ticket holders have held at about 94 percent. Will that trend continue?

To put things into perspective, Wolfe offered the following:



Business law firm Phillips Murrah has partnered for the past two seasons with its [Blocks for Bucks](#) campaign. During those two seasons combined, Phillips Murrah donated \$37,300 to benefit the Thunder Cares Foundation.

"It is understandably heartbreaking when the Thunder's big stars leave the OKC market because, in addition to being great basketball players, they've become a part of our community," said Tom Wolfe, Phillips Murrah Managing Partner. "However, it's also understandable that the NBA is a business, and throughout the history of the game, big stars have moved from market to market. It's easy to feel sad about losing major players, but we must remember that progress comes through change. The best years are likely still ahead of us."

Also quoted in the story are Dan Mahoney, the Thunders' VP of broadcasting and corporate communications, Roy Williams, president and CEO of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber, and John Allgood, academic director of the Executive Master of Science in Sport Business Program at Philadelphia's Temple University.

See the full story here:

<https://journalrecord.com/2019/07/08/progress-comes-through-change-thunder-expected-to-rebound-from-trade-shakeup/>