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Katten Named 2016 “Law Firm of the Year” in Real Estate Litigation by *U.S. News – Best Lawyers*[®]

(CHICAGO) Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP announced today that it was named “Law Firm of the Year” in Litigation – Real Estate as part of the *U.S. News – Best Lawyers*[®] 2016 “Best Law Firms” ranking.

“This is an outstanding, well-deserved tribute to Katten’s real estate litigators that reinforces their strong leadership and experience, as well as the respect they have garnered from clients and peers,” said Katten Chairman Vincent A.F. Sergi.

Katten was given the “Law Firm of the Year” designation based on a combination of positive feedback from client surveys regarding the firm’s work, peer reviews from leading attorneys in the field and information from an internal survey submitted by the firm. Katten was named “Law Firm of the Year” in Litigation – Real Estate in 2013 and in Real Estate in 2014 as well.

“Our real estate litigation team has a phenomenal track record of delivering sophisticated and high-value counsel during every phase of a project,” said David J. Bryant, national head of Katten’s Real Estate practice. “We are honored to have been given this top designation, which speaks to the breadth of our Real Estate practice and the tremendous skill and experience of our attorneys.”

“Our litigators are both persistent and innovative when helping our clients resolve a wide range of issues,” said Stacey McKee Knight, national co-head of Katten’s Litigation practice. “This is a fitting honor for our real estate litigation team, one that wouldn’t be possible without the trust and partnership of the many fantastic clients we work with each day.” Some of the partners who have played a significant role in the firm’s outstanding work in the field of real estate litigation include: William J. Dorsey, S. Scott Morrison, Matthew D. Parrott, Timothy J. Patenode, Jennifer C. Ryan and Joshua D. Wayser.

Katten’s national Real Estate Litigation practice blends broad knowledge of real estate law and business practice with well-honed skills in litigation and alternative dispute resolution. The firm

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has been retained by many of the nation's leading lenders, developers and institutional property owners.

Katten attorneys have extensive litigation experience with borrowers over loan commitments, loan defaults and associated debt and collateral recovery; with secured and mezzanine lenders over priority and intercreditor obligations; and with mechanic lienors over priority rights to the real property and loan proceeds.

The firm's experience litigating contract disputes, construction claims and zoning disputes allows attorneys to help owners, developers, general contractors, construction managers and trade contractors effectively manage challenges related to the development and construction of retail properties, condominiums, office buildings, hotels and industrial properties. Katten also represents real estate investors in matters involving issues of control and distribution of funds; disputes involving real estate partnerships and limited liability companies, closely held and family corporations; and loan participations and securitized loan pools.

U.S. News – Best Lawyers[®], the leading survey of lawyers worldwide, together rank more than 12,000 firms in 122 practice areas in 185 metropolitan areas and eight states. In each of the 74 practice areas ranked nationally, only one law firm receives the "Law Firm of the Year" designation.

Katten is a full-service law firm with approximately 650 attorneys in locations across the United States and in London and Shanghai. Clients seeking sophisticated, high-value legal services turn to Katten for counsel locally, nationally and internationally. The firm's core areas of practice are corporate, financial services, insolvency and restructuring, litigation, real estate, environmental, commercial finance, intellectual property, structured finance and securitization, and trusts and estates. Katten represents public and private companies in many industries, including a third of the Fortune 100, as well as a number of government and nonprofit organizations and individuals. For more information, visit www.kattenlaw.com.

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