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Chambers USA 2012 Distinguishes 19 Katten Practices and 45 Attorneys Three New National Practice Designations Included in Rankings

(CHICAGO) Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP today announced that 19 of the firm's practices and 45 attorneys have been recognized as leaders in the industry in the 2012 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. Notably, Katten's Structured Finance and Securitization, Real Estate and Sports Law national practices received new designations, and 10 Katten attorneys received either new or elevated rankings in their respective practice areas.

"The growing number of Katten's national practice areas that are being recognized by *Chambers USA* is a tribute to the strong leadership of the firm's practice chairs and the solid growth and diversity of the firm overall," said Vincent A. F. Sergi, Katten's national managing partner.

Katten's highest rankings were given in the category of Real Estate – Illinois and Real Estate: Finance – North Carolina, which moved up to the top ranking this year. Partners Gregory Brown, Michael R. Callahan, J. Hayden Harrell, Dan Huffenus, Alvin Katz, Chuck Knauss, Floyd A. Mandell, Laura Keidan Martin, Peter F. Nadel and Joshua Rubenstein received the highest individual rankings in their respective practice areas. Additionally, Herbert S. Wander, a partner in the firm's Corporate Practice, was once again named as a "Senior Statesman," and Frank E. Arado, a partner in the Real Estate Practice, was named an "Up and Coming" attorney.

Katten's newly ranked national practices were praised for their superior client service. *Chambers USA* quotes a client of the firm's Sports Law Practice as saying, "The lawyers are efficient, so therefore you know their costs are. It is a firm which simply looks to get the deal done for their client." Of the firm's Real Estate Practice, a source comments, "They provide extremely pragmatic and practical advice. They have a deep bench of attorneys with strong market intelligence in many different areas." Clients describe attorneys in the Structured Finance and Securitization Practice as being "extremely deep and knowledgeable," and note that "They do an excellent job."

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Katten was recognized in the following categories in the 2012 *Chambers USA* guide:

Nationwide

- Capital Markets: Securitization
- Investment Funds: Hedge Funds
- Real Estate
- Securities: Litigation
- Sports Law
- Transportation: Aviation
- Wealth Management

California

- Media & Entertainment

Illinois

- Banking & Finance
- Corporate/M&A & Private Equity
- Healthcare
- Intellectual Property
- Labor & Employment: Employee Benefits & Compensation
- Litigation: General Commercial
- Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations
- Real Estate
- Tax

New York

- Healthcare

North Carolina

- Real Estate: Finance

Katten attorneys recognized in the 2012 *Chambers USA* guide include:

Antitrust (Illinois)

- Andrew G. Klevorn
- Laura Keidan Martin

Banking & Finance (Illinois)

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- Michael A. Jacobson
- Stuart P. Shulruff

Capital Markets: Securitization (Nationwide)

- Christopher DiAngelo
- Joseph P. Topolski

Climate Change (Nationwide)

- Chuck Knauss

Corporate/M&A (Illinois)

- Howard S. Lanznar
- Herbert S. Wander

Corporate/M&A: Private Equity (Illinois)

- Kenneth W. Miller
- Walter S. Weinberg

Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation (Nationwide)

- Gregory Brown

Environment: Litigation (Illinois)

- Nancy J. Rich

Environment (District of Columbia)

- Shannon S. Broome
- Chuck Knauss
- Steven P. Solow

Healthcare (Illinois)

- Michael R. Callahan
- W. Kenneth Davis, Jr.
- D. Louis Glaser
- Laura Keidan Martin
- Steven Olson

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Healthcare (New York)

- Peter F. Nadel
- Joseph Willey

Healthcare: Regulatory & Litigation (Nationwide)

- Michael R. Callahan
- Peter F. Nadel

Intellectual Property (Illinois)

- Floyd A. Mandell
- Timothy Vezeau

International Trade: Customs (Nationwide)

- Mark Zolno

Investment Funds: Hedge Funds (Nationwide)

- Henry Bregstein

Labor & Employment: Employee Benefits & Compensation (Illinois)

- Gregory Brown

Litigation: Securities (California)

- Bruce G. Vanyo

Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations (Illinois)

- Gil M. Soffer
- Sheldon Zenner

Media & Entertainment: Litigation (California)

- Gail Migdal Title

Media & Entertainment: Transactional (California)

- Michael Hobel

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Real Estate (California)

- Benzion Westreich

Real Estate (District of Columbia)

- Wendy Fields

Real Estate (Illinois)

- David Bryant
- David Dlugie
- Alvin Katz
- Mark C. Simon

Real Estate: Finance (North Carolina)

- Frank E. Arado
- J. Hayden Harrell
- Daniel S. Hufenus

Sports Law (Nationwide)

- Adam Klein

Tax (Illinois)

- Sheldon I. Banoff
- Saul E. Rudo

Transportation: Aviation: Finance (Nationwide)

- Timothy J. Lynes

Wealth Management: Eastern Region (Nationwide)

- Joshua Rubenstein

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organizations throughout the United States and worldwide, and is widely used by firms for referral purposes.

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