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### Five Katten Partners Recognized as Leading Litigators by *Benchmark*

*Firm is also recognized for having leading litigation practice in Illinois*

**CHICAGO – Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP** is pleased to announce that five of its partners have been recognized in the 2009 edition of *Benchmark: A Definitive Guide to America's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys*. Partners **Steven L. Bashwiner**, **David H. Kistenbroker**, **Ross O. Silverman** and **Sheldon T. Zenner** are listed as “Litigation Stars,” and partner **Karl R. Barnickol** has been selected as a “Future Star.” All five attorneys practice in Katten’s Chicago office. Additionally, Katten is recognized by *Benchmark* as a “highly recommended” firm for litigation in the state of Illinois.

*Benchmark* is published by Legal Media Group, part of Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC. In compiling its guide, *Benchmark*’s researchers conducted extensive face-to-face and telephone interviews with leading private practice lawyers and in-house counsel to determine the top firms and attorneys for litigation in the United States. The firms selected for the list are renowned within the business and legal communities for the quality of their trial work and their litigation professionals. “Litigation Stars” are individuals who were consistently recommended as incontrovertible stars by clients and peers.

**Karl R. Barnickol** focuses his practice on a wide range of commercial litigation matters with a particular emphasis on securities litigation, mergers and acquisitions, and counseling, as well as white collar criminal defense work.

**Steven L. Bashwiner** focuses his practice on complex litigation and arbitration with an emphasis on class actions and complex commercial disputes. He frequently serves as lead trial counsel for class action matters involving securities, fraud and arbitration matters.

**David H. Kistenbroker** is managing partner of Katten’s Chicago office, national chair of the firm’s Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice, chair of the Securities Litigation Practice and co-chair of the Corporate Governance Practice. He is also a member of the firm’s Executive Committee and Board of Directors. His practice is focused on the representation of publicly traded companies and their directors and officers in securities class actions, SEC investigations and corporate governance disputes.

**Ross O. Silverman** serves as chair of the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice in Katten’s Chicago office, as well as co-chair of the firm’s White Collar Criminal and Civil Litigation Practice.

He concentrates much of his practice on counseling insurers on best claims handling practices and litigation strategies designed to attack internal and external fraud.

**Sheldon T. Zenner** is the national chair of Katten's White Collar Criminal and Civil Litigation Practice, and concentrates his practice in white collar and fraud litigation. He is involved in a wide range of investigations involving securities, health care, customs, antitrust, education and tax issues. He regularly advises on compliance and corporate governance issues.

Katten's trial lawyers are adept at achieving the business objectives of their clients in cases ranging from contract disputes and regulatory matters to securities class action lawsuits and other complex commercial litigation. They serve clients with a broad, national litigation practice staffed in each of the firm's offices by attorneys whose backgrounds and experience are as varied as the clients they serve. As advocate and counselor, Katten succeeds by combining knowledge of its clients' businesses with expertise in the law and the art of advocacy. Its experience and foresight lead to sound assessments of business and legal risks, accurate estimates of costs of defense, and, when necessary, favorable settlements. As a result, the firm can deliver cost-effective services on multimillion-dollar cases and efficiently respond to smaller matters.

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