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### Five Katten Practices Recommended by *Legal 500* in 2009 U.S. Edition

**CHICAGO – Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP** is pleased to announce that the *Legal 500 United States* 2009 edition has ranked five of the firm's practices among the best in the nation. Katten is listed as a recommended law firm in the areas of [Finance: Bank Lending for the Midwest](#); [Alternative/Hedge Fund Formation and Management](#); [Mergers, Acquisitions and Buyouts for the Midwest](#); [Real Estate and Construction for Illinois](#); and [Domestic Tax for the Central Region](#).

*Legal 500*'s team of experienced researchers speaks with thousands of law firm commercial clients each year. Its "Law Firm Recommendations" are based largely on what those clients say, as well as on opinions solicited from thousands of rival commercial lawyers. In addition, *Legal 500* acquires confidential information about the client lists of major firms and the transactions and deals in which they have been involved. Firms are included in the *Legal 500* guides based on merit alone; it is not possible for a firm to buy its way into the editorial section of the guide.

#### **Finance: Bank Lending for the Midwest**

In recommending Katten in Finance: Bank Lending for the Midwest, *Legal 500* quoted a number of the firm's clients who classified Katten as "one of the top firms in the country concentrating on middle-market private equity backed transactions. Their work product is beyond reproach... their [level of service] exceptional."

#### **Alternative/Hedge Fund Formation and Management**

In recommending Katten in the area of Alternative/Hedge Fund Formation and Management, *Legal 500* points to client comments that Katten's hedge fund practice is "top of the line" and "one of the best we've worked with." The firm's attorneys are "highly intelligent and very quick to get things done." One client notes that the firm "provides high quality creative legal services at a reasonable price," and that the practice is "very responsive to our needs."

#### **Mergers, Acquisitions and Buyouts for the Midwest**

*Legal 500* recommends Katten for Mergers, Acquisitions and Buyouts for the Midwest based on client comments that the firm's practice is "experienced in a wide range of industries" and that clients experience "partner-level attention." The guide also points to the firm's added "dimension of geographic capability," leveraging the strength of attorneys in both the Chicago and New York offices.

#### **Real Estate and Construction for Illinois**

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Katten's commercial real estate practice is noted by *Legal 500* for its "expertise and depth," having developed "beyond local property instructions as the firm has expanded nationwide" and added international deals to its portfolio. The practice is cited as "responsive, expert and professional."

**Domestic Tax for the Central Region**

*Legal 500* highlights Katten's "busy... responsive and business-oriented tax practice [that] meets the highly commercial Illinois market well with particular strengths in corporate transactions, banking and finance, real estate and, increasingly, private equity and hedge fund investment." Clients obtain Katten's tax attorneys as advisors and the "practice receives commendations for teamwork and long-term support."

*Founded in 1974, Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP is a full-service law firm with more than 600 attorneys in locations across the United States and an affiliate in London. The firm's business-savvy professionals provide clients in numerous industries with sophisticated, high-value legal services, with a focus on corporate, financial services, litigation, real estate, commercial finance, intellectual property and trusts and estates. Among our clients are a wide range of public and private companies, including a third of the Fortune 100, as well as a number of government and nonprofit organizations and individuals. For additional information, visit [www.kattenlaw.com](http://www.kattenlaw.com).*

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