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Katten Receives 2011 Pro Bono Award From the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

(CHICAGO) – Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP will be honored today with the 2011 Pro Bono Award from the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law during their 42nd Annual Meeting at the Sheraton Chicago. The award recognizes the exemplary work and dedication of Katten attorneys on numerous civil rights cases and transactional matters that have been handled for the Committee. This is the second time in six years Katten has been honored with this award.

“We are honored to receive this award and our commitment to pro bono services and giving back is an important part of our spirit and values here at Katten,” said Vincent A. F. Sergi, national managing partner at Katten. “Our attorneys believe strongly in using their knowledge and skills to help those who may not have the means to protect their rights.”

Katten has provided pro bono legal work for civil rights cases on behalf of the Committee for more than 25 years. One of the most prominent cases Katten attorneys handled this year was a civil hate crime case which led to an award of \$1.44 million to three young African-American men who were viciously beaten in 2005 by members of a white mob as punishment for visiting a white female friend at an apartment complex in Manteno, Ill.

“We are proud to serve as pro bono partners with the Committee because it secures justice for individuals, empowers communities and protects one of our most basic rights,” said Jonathan Baum, Katten's Director of Pro Bono Services. “Our work with the Committee gives us the opportunity to expand our horizons, hone our skills and feed our souls.”

Katten has long history of helping those in underserved communities obtain first-rate representation without charge. Attorneys and other legal professionals give their time, resources and talent to serve individuals and organizations in need, to engage in important national litigation and to partner with local legal service providers to ensure access to the justice system.

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The firm's pro bono program includes litigation, both on behalf of individuals and groups, in matters of housing and public accommodations discrimination, civil liberties, immigration, criminal defense, prisoners' rights and consumer matters. Katten attorneys also perform transactional work in such areas as corporate and tax assistance for non profit organizations, intellectual property law, employee benefits and international trade law.

Founded in Chicago in 1974, Katten is a national law firm with strong and growing global capabilities. 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, environmental, commercial finance, public finance, intellectual property, health care and wealth management.

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