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## Katten Receives Highest Rating on Human Rights Campaign Foundation Corporate Equality Index Survey

CHICAGO – Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP is pleased to announce that it has received the highest-possible rating (100-percent) on the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation's 2010 Corporate Equality Index Survey. The survey, released today, indicates that the firm achieved its rating based on employee responses to questions related to the firm's nondiscrimination policy, domestic partner benefits coverage and employer-supported resources for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) attorneys and staff. Katten is one of 88 law firms across the country to receive a top score.

"Katten has long been dedicated to creating a work environment that is inclusive and supportive, and that fosters a sense of both personal and professional satisfaction for all of our employees," said Vincent A.F. Sergi, national managing partner of Katten. "We are pleased that the HRC Foundation's survey results show that our employees recognize the firm's commitment to providing equal protections, benefits and resources to our LGBT employees."

Since its inception in 2002, the HRC Foundation's Corporate Equality Index has provided businesses with a blueprint for establishing and maintaining inclusive workplaces for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender employees. By inspiring and engaging all Americans, the HRC Foundation strives to end discrimination against LGBT citizens and realize a nation that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all.

This year, the Corporate Equality Index surveyed a total of 127 law firms. The full report is available at www.hrc.org/cei.

"For major law firms and their clients, inclusive and fair practices for LGBT attorneys and staff have increasingly become the norm," said Robert Falk, the HRC Foundation's general counsel. "Top law firms are aware that providing equal benefits and protections to their LGBT employees translates into a positive work environment and the ability to recruit the best lawyers. Moreover, inhouse counsel routinely tell us that they look at the CEI law firm ratings when evaluating firms under consideration for their business."

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