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Katten's Gil Soffer Appointed Counsel to U.S. Deputy Attorney General

CHICAGO – **Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP** today announced that Gil M. Soffer, a Chicago-based partner in its <u>White Collar Criminal and Civil Litigation Practice</u>, has been appointed Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General of the United States. Pursuant to the requirements of the position, Mr. Soffer will resign from the partnership at Katten effective January 25.

"Gil is an outstanding attorney, and we truly appreciate his unwavering dedication to the Firm over the last seven years," said <u>Vincent A.F. Sergi</u>, Katten's National Managing Partner. "We offer Gil our sincere congratulations and wish him all the best in this exciting new position."

Mr. Soffer joined Katten in August 2000, after six years of practice as a federal prosecutor. He concentrates his practice in white collar criminal litigation, insurance litigation, corporate investigations, and anti-fraud counseling and litigation. Mr. Soffer has also been involved in a wide range of matters involving reinsurance, health care, and alternative dispute resolution.

In 1994, Mr. Soffer joined the United States Attorney's Office in Chicago as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Criminal Division. In that capacity, he prosecuted a wide range of federal crimes, including bank, mail, wire, tax, and insurance fraud; narcotics and firearms trafficking; bank robbery; embezzlement; and money laundering. In November 1996, Mr. Soffer received the Director's Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant U.S. Attorney from then Attorney General Janet Reno.

Mr. Soffer graduated *magna cum laude* from Brown University in 1986 and earned his J.D. *cum laude* from Harvard Law School in 1989. Upon graduating from law school, Mr. Soffer clerked in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois under Judge John A. Nordberg. After his clerkship, Mr. Soffer became an associate with the law firm of McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen in San Francisco, where he practiced in the general litigation department.

Mr. Soffer is a member of the American Bar Association and is admitted to practice in Illinois and California. He is an Adjunct Professor at Loyola University Law School, where he teaches Federal Criminal Prosecution. Mr. Soffer has lectured on subjects ranging from corporate internal investigations to the Israeli Supreme Court, and is a guest commentator for the ABC News Now program *Guilt or Innocence*. Mr. Soffer was designated one of *Forty Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch* by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company in July 2001.

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Katten's White Collar Criminal and Civil Litigation Practice is comprised of highly respected former prosecutors, law enforcement officers and federal defenders with broad investigative, trial and appellate experience. The depth of the practice is key to its ability to devote the appropriate resources to a client's matter, even on a moment's notice. In fact, Katten's Chicago office boasts the largest number of attorneys with prior U.S. Attorney office experience among large law firm practices in Chicago. Knowing first-hand about the manner in which criminal or quasi-criminal actions are handled by "the other side" gives Katten a clear advantage in developing and implementing litigation strategies.

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP (www.kattenlaw.com) is a full-service law firm with offices in the nation's largest centers of business, government, finance and technology and an affiliated entity in London. With over 650 attorneys in more than 40 areas of practice, Katten provides timely and cost-effective counsel to clients in numerous industries. Katten provides advice for a wide range of public and private companies – from entrepreneurial, emerging-growth, and middle market firms to global Fortune 100 corporations – as well as government entities, institutions of higher learning, museums and a host of other charitable and cultural organizations.

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