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Katten Announces 2025 Pro Bono Service Award Recipients

(CHICAGO) Katten announced today that it honored 18 individuals with Pro Bono Service Awards, recognizing recipients for their exceptional dedication to providing legal services to those in need and for their roles in advancing access to justice in the communities the firm serves.

“Our honorees remind us of the profound difference that pro bono advocacy can make in people’s lives,” said Jonathan K. Baum, Katten’s director of pro bono services. “Their dedication reflects our firm’s deep commitment to ensuring meaningful access to justice for all. We are proud to recognize these attorneys for their service and grateful to the business professionals whose support helps make this work possible.”

As part of the American Bar Association’s weeklong National Celebration of Pro Bono, Katten hosted its Service Awards ceremonies this week in its offices across the United States and the United Kingdom.

The firm honored 15 attorneys for their dedication to pro bono service throughout their careers, underscoring the firm’s continued commitment to using legal skills to assist those most vulnerable and in need of high-quality legal representation.

The attorneys, who provided pro bono assistance on a range of matters, from asylum and immigration cases and discrimination claims to nonprofit counseling on tax-exempt status applications and corporate governance, are:

- Vinny Baumann, Counsel, Affordable Housing and Community Development, Washington, DC
- Zachary S. Beal, Associate, Litigation, New York
- Meena Dev-Sidhu, Counsel, Real Estate, Los Angeles
- Alex Haddad, Associate, Corporate, Chicago
- Matthew Hartzler, Associate, Intellectual Property, Chicago
- Kelly N. Hutchinson, Partner, Government and Public Finance, Chicago

- Carolyn H. Jackson, Partner, Financial Markets and Regulation, London
- Carl E. Kennedy, Partner, Financial Markets and Regulation, New York
- Ian W. Kirk, Associate, Real Estate, Los Angeles
- Loren M. Lee, Associate, Financial Markets Litigation and Enforcement, Chicago
- Ryan A. Lilley, Associate, Capital Markets, Washington, DC
- Yawara Ng, Associate, Financial Markets Litigation and Enforcement, Charlotte
- Rachel M. Riley, Partner, White Collar and Internal Investigations, Dallas
- Robert T. Smith, Partner, Litigation, Washington, DC
- Luz A. Solano-Flórez, Associate, Real Estate, Charlotte

Katten also recognized three business professionals with pro bono service awards for their significant role in supporting and advancing the firm's pro bono legal services:

- Margaret Hamilton, Legal Executive Assistant, Intellectual Property, New York
- Joshua Upthegrove, Senior Paralegal, Litigation, Dallas
- Deborah Wing, Paralegal, Trademark/Copyright/Advertising/Privacy, Chicago

Each award recipient receives a \$1,000 honorarium to donate to a charity of their choice.

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