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Katten Expands Aviation Practice Engaging Top Industry Attorneys Stewart Herman and Jonathan Goldstein

(NEW YORK) Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP announced today that leading aviation attorneys Stewart B. Herman and Jonathan C. Goldstein have joined the firm's Aviation practice as partners in New York.

“Stewart and Jonathan both bring tremendous experience to our Aviation practice and will also enhance our global structured finance, securitization and transactional practices,” said Vincent A.F. Sergi, Katten Chairman. “We are thrilled that they are joining our team, and will expand Katten's Aviation practice capability.”

Herman focuses his practice on commercial and business-aircraft transactions and has extensive experience in structuring, drafting and negotiating leasing, sale and financing transactions for aircraft and other asset classes. These include tax-based leveraged leases, cross-border leases, portfolio securitizations, pre-delivery payment financings, and bankruptcy and workout transactions. Herman has represented domestic and international leasing companies, commercial and investment banks, aircraft and engine manufacturers, US-based and foreign airlines, monoline insurance companies and hedge funds.

Goldstein has broad experience servicing the aviation and rail industries. He represents sponsors, lenders, hedge funds, commercial banks and leasing companies in connection with a broad spectrum of international financial and corporate transactions. These include public offerings and private placement of securities (equipment notes and portfolio securitizations), asset acquisitions, leveraged leasing, secured and unsecured lending, structured financings, syndicated credit facilities, pre-delivery payment and warehouse facilities, other simple and complex bank loans, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, sale/resale transactions and bankruptcy workouts.

“Stewart and Jonathan are stellar attorneys with a deep and impressive background in the aviation industry,” said Timothy J. Lynes, head of Katten's Aviation practice. “Our Aviation team has always excelled at offering an interdisciplinary approach to provide our clients with exceptional service. Stewart and Jonathan further expand our capabilities and depth and they are an excellent fit.”

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Both Herman and Goldstein worked in private practice before joining Katten. Herman was with Kaye Scholer LLP and Goldstein was head of Transportation Finance at Shearman & Sterling LLP.

Katten's Aviation practice helps clients purchase, register, finance and structure the operations of business and commercial aircraft worldwide. Katten attorneys offer fully integrated representation in all types of aviation transactions, including purchase, sale, leasing, financing and insuring, as well as bankruptcy and insolvency matters, and commercial litigation in the United States and internationally. In addition, Katten attorneys counsel clients on the commercial, legal and tax issues that typically arise in financial transactions in the aviation industry, and represent clients with administrative, environmental and regulatory issues before the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation and Environmental Protection Agency.

Katten is a full-service law firm with more than 600 attorneys in locations across the United States and in London and Shanghai. Clients seeking sophisticated, high-value legal services turn to Katten for counsel locally, nationally and internationally. The firm's core areas of practice are corporate, financial services, insolvency and restructuring, litigation, real estate, environmental, commercial finance, intellectual property and trusts and estates. Katten represents public and private companies in numerous industries, including a third of the Fortune 100, as well as a number of government and nonprofit organizations and individuals.

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