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### **Katten Attorneys Distinguished as Top Legal Talent in the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* Lists**

(CHICAGO) Katten today announced that 130 of the firm’s attorneys were named to the 2021 Best Lawyers in America and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch lists as a result of being identified by their peers in a wide range of practice areas.

Three Chicago partners were recognized as a “Lawyer of the Year” in their respective practice areas — Michael O. Hartz in Trusts and Estates, Lawrence D. Levin in Securities Regulation and Floyd A. Mandell in Trademark Law. Only one attorney in each specific practice and in each geographic region is selected as “Lawyer of the Year” by Best Lawyers. This designation is based on high ratings in surveys demonstrating a great level of respect among their peers for their abilities, professionalism and integrity.

Additionally, 10 attorneys also were acknowledged for being named to the Best Lawyers list for a decade. They include: David R. Dlugie (Real Estate), Abby L.T. Feinman (Litigation - Trusts and Estates; Trusts and Estates), Michael A. Jacobson (Banking and Finance), Lawrence D. Levin (Securities/Capital Markets Law; Securities Regulation), S. Scott Morrison (Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Real Estate), Mitchel C. Pahl (Employee Benefits - ERISA), Steven J. Reisman (Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law; Litigation - Bankruptcy), Saul E. Rudo (Tax), Martin Siroka (Real Estate) and Mark D. Wood (Securities/Capital Markets Law; Securities Regulation).

Katten attorneys recognized on the Best Lawyers list for the first time are: Peter D. Ballance (Real Estate Law), Russell M. Black (Employment Law – Management), David C. Bohan (Litigation – Securities), Matthew S. Brown (Corporate Law), Erin England (Banking and Finance Law), Stacey McKee Knight (Labor Law – Management), Ross O. Silverman (Commercial Litigation), Brian Sodikoff (Patent Law) and Jorge A. Solis (Commercial Litigation).

This year, Best Lawyers also launched the Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch list, which recognizes attorneys who are early in their careers for outstanding professional excellence in private practice. Nearly 30 Katten attorneys across 15 practice areas were named to this inaugural list. A complete list of Katten attorneys recognized on the 2021 Best Lawyers and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch lists can be found [here](#).

Best Lawyers is based on a peer-review survey in which almost 50,000 leading attorneys cast nearly five million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their practice areas. Recognition by Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch is based entirely on peer review and employs the same methodology that has made Best Lawyers the gold standard for legal rankings worldwide.

Katten is a full-service law firm with nearly 700 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 include commercial finance, corporate, financial markets and funds, insolvency and restructuring, intellectual property, litigation, real estate, structured finance and securitization, transactional tax planning, and trusts and estates. Katten represents public and private companies in numerous industries, as well as a number of government and nonprofit organizations and individuals. For more information, visit [katten.com](http://katten.com).

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