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Katten Boosts Litigation Practice with Addition of Partners Daniel Shapiro and Alais Griffin

Shapiro and Griffin will practice in the firm's Chicago office

CHICAGO– **Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP** is pleased to announce that [Daniel P. Shapiro](#) and [Alais L. M. Griffin](#) have joined the firm's Chicago office as partners in its [Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice](#). Prior to joining Katten, Mr. Shapiro and Ms. Griffin practiced in Goldberg Kohn's Litigation Group, where Mr. Shapiro was a principal and senior partner, as well as chair of the firm's Class Action Defense Group. Ms. Griffin was previously a senior associate at Goldberg Kohn.

"We are pleased to welcome Dan and Alais to the firm and to our group," said [David H. Kistenbroker](#), managing partner of Katten's Chicago office and chair of the firm's National Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice. "As we continue the strategic growth of our Litigation Practice to satisfy increasing client demand, adding the considerable legal skill of these two attorneys will help us to sustain the high level of service that our clients have come to expect from Katten."

Mr. Shapiro has extensive experience litigating significant business disputes of virtually all types in courts around the country. These include disputes arising from the purchase and sale of businesses and securities, disputes regarding business valuations, the negotiation and formation of contracts, the enforcement of representations and warranties in contracts related to a sale, and complex class actions. He has defended banks and other financial institutions around the country in class action litigation brought under the federal Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, state securities laws, the Truth in Lending Act, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Consumer Leasing Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, and numerous state consumer protection laws. In addition, Mr. Shapiro has counseled clients on implementing fair debt collection and credit reporting practices and on potential exposure under various state consumer protection laws.

Mr. Shapiro is an adjunct faculty member of the Round Table Group, a consortium of university and industry experts who provide consulting, expert witness and legal support services for a variety of industry-related businesses. He is co-chair of the American Bar Association's Consumer Class Action Subcommittee and a member of the advisory board for the BNA's Class Action Litigation Report. Mr. Shapiro was also co-chair of the annual American Bar Association National Institute

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on Class Actions from 1997 through 2000. Mr. Shapiro speaks and writes frequently on substantive issues.

Mr. Shapiro earned his B.A. with Bronze Tablet honors from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School.

Ms. Griffin focuses her practice in commercial litigation, including the representation of a variety of clients in securities fraud, bankruptcy, contract, property tax appeal, antitrust, product liability, and white-collar criminal matters.

Ms. Griffin is a frequent speaker on diversity and gender issues in the law and has been actively involved in pro bono work. She assisted with a state habeas corpus evidentiary hearing in a Georgia death penalty case and interviewed detainees in New Jersey state jails for a study on the post-September 11 federal detention policy. Ms. Griffin currently serves on the Steering Committee of the ACLU Young Advocates, on the Board of Directors of the ACLU of Illinois, and on the Board of Directors for the Chicago Training Center, an organization working to involve disadvantaged Chicago youth in the sport of rowing.

Ms. Griffin is a former law clerk to the Honorable Harry D. Leinenweber, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. She earned her B.A. from Harvard University and her J.D. from Northwestern University, where she was executive editor of the Northwestern University Law Review and was a member of the Order of the Coif.

Katten's Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice is comprised of trial lawyers who are adept at achieving the business objectives of clients in cases ranging from contract disputes and regulatory matters to securities class action lawsuits and other complex commercial litigation. The practice serves its clients with a broad, national litigation practice staffed in each of its offices by attorneys whose backgrounds and experiences are as varied as the clients they serve. As advocates and counselors, the practice's attorneys succeed by combining knowledge of their clients' business with skill in the law and the art of advocacy. This experience and foresight leads to sound assessments of business and legal risks, accurate estimates of costs of defense, and, when necessary, favorable settlements. As a result, Katten can deliver cost-effective services on multi-million dollar cases and efficiently respond to smaller matters.

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