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Katten Appoints Joshua Wayser Managing Partner of Los Angeles Office

Wayser replaces Gail Migdal Title, one of the first-ever female managing partners of an AmLaw 100 law firm office, after 14 years at helm

LOS ANGELES – Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP is pleased to announce the appointment of **Joshua D. Wayser** as managing partner of its Los Angeles office. Mr. Wayser joined Katten in June 2008. He assumes leadership of the office on June 1, replacing Gail Migdal Title who spent the last 14 years as managing partner. Ms. Title, head of the firm’s Entertainment and Media Litigation Practice, is one of the entertainment industry’s most prominent litigators. She will remain at Katten, focusing on her practice.

“Josh is an outstanding attorney, a sharp businessperson and a natural leader who we are confident will build upon the solid platform that our L.A. office has established under Gail’s leadership,” said Vincent A.F. Sergi, Katten’s national managing partner. “We are pleased to appoint Josh to this position and congratulate Gail on 14 wonderful years of leadership and many more to come as our partner and friend.”

Mr. Wayser concentrates his practice on real estate, banking and insolvency, representing lenders, financial institutions, developers, and property owners in a broad range of litigation matters. He has appeared before state, federal and bankruptcy courts on real estate and banking matters around the country and has argued several appeals on matters of particular interest to the real estate and banking industry.

Mr. Wayser also serves as co-chair of Katten’s Diversity Committee and as co-chair of the firm’s GLBT Coalition. He is a nationally recognized speaker on diversity issues in the legal profession and workforce, and he frequently speaks on those topics to legal and private industry groups. An openly gay man, Mr. Wayser is married to his long-time partner and together they are raising six adopted children, all under the age of 10.

Ms. Title was appointed managing partner of Katten’s Los Angeles office in 1997. At the time of her appointment, she was one of the nation’s first women to head a major law firm office. She also serves as chair of the firm’s Entertainment and Media Litigation Practice and is an active member of Katten’s national Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

During her long career Ms. Title has successfully litigated high-stakes intellectual property cases on behalf of some of the biggest names in the entertainment and media industries. Her clients regard her as “among the finest entertainment litigators in the nation,” known for her “strong, aggressive

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advocacy, complemented by her innate sensitivity to the business needs of the client.” Over the past five years, Ms. Title has won dismissals in nearly all of her intellectual property cases, while favorably settling the remainder. By consistently securing dismissals in these types of cases, she has played a significant role in developing the law in this area.

“I am honored and awed to follow such a terrific leader as Gail Title,” said Mr. Wayser. “She has had such a long and successful tenure because of her incomparable commitment to the firm and its people and her strong leadership and managerial skills. Gail makes my job easy, leaving our office strong with a deep client base. I look forward to continuing to develop our strengths in our nationally recognized practice areas, including trusts and estates, litigation, banking, real estate, corporate and entertainment.”

“Gail was a trailblazer 14 years ago, as one of the few women to hold the managing partner position at that time,” said Mr. Wayser. “As an openly gay man, my appointment reflects the firm's long standing commitment to honoring and including a wide variety of voices and talents.”

“My time as the LA managing partner has been truly rewarding. The position has allowed me to participate actively in the growth and development of Katten's Los Angeles office and the firm as a whole,” said Ms. Title. “On a personal level, it has enabled me to know the terrific lawyers throughout all of Katten’s offices, and most particularly, those here in Los Angeles. I am very comfortable handing off the managing partner responsibilities to Josh. He is a skilled lawyer, with outstanding organizational, mentorship and interpersonal skills, and I’m confident he will bring new and innovative leadership to the office.”

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