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Katten Muchin Rosenman Adds Bernadette Herward Davida as Partner in Real Estate Practice

Davida will be based in the Firm's New York office

NEW YORK – Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP is pleased to announce the addition of **Bernadette Herward Davida** to the Firm as a partner in its **Real Estate Practice**. Ms. Davida will be based in the Firm's New York office.

Prior to joining Katten, Ms. Davida, 48, was an attorney in the Real Estate Practice Group in the New York office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. She previously practiced at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP and Dewey Ballantine LLP.

Ms. Davida's practice focuses on all aspects of commercial real estate law, including corporate headquarters leasing on behalf of tenants and landlords; development, management of hotel, retail and golf course properties; private equity funds; loan and guaranty workouts and restructurings; acquisitions; partnerships and joint ventures; and financing.

Ms. Davida has a broad range of experience representing both lenders and borrowers in bank syndicate loans for office buildings, energy plants, hotels and resorts, mixed-use properties, and real estate property portfolios. Her background also includes representation of clients in loan originations, syndications, participations and mezzanine loans, as well as equity investors in the acquisition of apartment, hotel and healthcare property portfolios and office buildings.

In the area of leasing, Ms. Davida has represented tenants in the leasing of corporate headquarters in the New York, Atlanta, Houston, San Francisco, Washington and London markets. In addition, as lead real estate counsel for a large New York-based hedge fund, Ms. Davida negotiates office leases and construction agreements in all of their major financial markets.

Ms. Davida has also acted as pro-bono counsel to The New Museum For Contemporary Art, The Michael Jay Fox Foundation, The Bronx Prep Charter School, The Arthritis Foundation of New York, and the Regional Economic Community Action Program Inc., in dispositions, financings, and retail and office leasing transactions.

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Ms. Davida earned her B.A., *cum laude*, from the University of Pittsburgh in Political Science and Government Administration where she was a Stouffer's Food Corporation National College Scholarship Recipient and a member of the Druids Honorary Society. She earned her J.D. from the University at Buffalo Law School where she received the Faculty of Law Distinguished Achievement Award in Constitutional Litigation.

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