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Katten Adds Former DOJ Associate Deputy Attorney General Natalia Sorgente to Environmental and Workplace Safety and Litigation Practices

(WASHINGTON, DC) Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP announced today that Natalia Sorgente, former Associate Deputy Attorney General for the Department of Justice (DOJ) and ex-Chief of Staff for the DOJ Environment and Natural Resources Division, has joined the Washington, DC office as a partner in the Environmental and Workplace Safety and Litigation practices. Sorgente will focus on environmental civil and criminal litigation, internal investigations, and corporate compliance.

Her arrival at Katten reflects the intensifying activity and increasing prominence of the firm's corporate monitor work, which involves overseeing corporate compliance with the terms of court-approved agreements resolving criminal cases. Sorgente will work with Partner Steve Solow, who was appointed to monitor compliance with an Environmental Compliance Plan imposed on Carnival Corporation, the world's largest cruise ship company, by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

"The arrival of a powerhouse attorney like Natalia both reflects and enhances the capabilities of our Environment and Corporate monitor teams," said Solow, co-head of Katten's Environmental and Workplace Safety practice and co-head of the White Collar, Investigations and Compliance practice in the DC office. "Natalia has a proven ability to tackle the most complex matters. Her extensive experience at the highest levels of the Justice Department provides a significant expansion of our team's abilities in environmental and workplace safety."

As Chief of Staff and Counsel for the DOJ's Environment & Natural Resources Division, Sorgente played a key role in many of the Division's most significant cases and managed the Division's international program. Additionally, Sorgente served as a DOJ trial attorney, where she litigated on behalf of the United States' environmental regulations, determinations and past practices in federal district and appellate courts.

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“Natalia possesses a keen understanding of the substantive and strategic aspects of environmental litigation and policy-making, derived from her experience helping to lead the Justice Department’s Environment Division and representing the United States under all of the major pollution control statutes,” said Nadira Clarke, head of Katten’s Washington, DC Litigation practice. “She can provide clients with sound strategic counsel on complex legal challenges at the intersection of law, policy and business. Natalia adds a new level of depth to our litigation and monitorship practices.”

Beyond her leadership role in the DOJ’s Environment and Natural Resources Division, Sorgente served under former Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates, where she oversaw the Justice Management Division, the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, the Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management, and the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization. Sorgente also has broad experience working on high-stakes and high-profile trials, negotiations, Congressional investigations, initiatives, and federal campaigns.

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