

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **LEADING FLORIDA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LAW FIRM CHANGES NAME TO KATZMAN GARFINKEL & BERGER**

#### ***Change Makes Managing Partner Donna DiMaggio Berger “Name Partner” of Firm, Renews Focus on Firm’s Core Practice of Community Association Law***

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL, March 22, 2010 – The Florida law firm of Katzman Garfinkel Rosenbaum today announced the firm’s name change to Katzman Garfinkel & Berger, adding well-known community association attorney and Managing Partner of the Ft. Lauderdale Office, Donna DiMaggio Berger, as a “name partner” of the firm, underscoring an ongoing focus on Florida community association law.

The appointment of Ms. Berger, who also serves as Executive Director of the firm’s Community Advocacy Network (CAN), reflects a growing trend in law firms nationwide of women reaching the top echelon within legal partnerships, as evidenced by their name appearing on the law firm door.

“The addition of Donna Berger’s name to that of our law practice has been made in full recognition of her extraordinary contributions to the firm and to the practice of community association law in the State of Florida,” said Leigh Katzman, co-Founding Partner, Katzman Garfinkel & Berger (KG&B).

“Donna would be at the top of anyone’s list of leading community association attorneys in Florida and nationwide,” said Alan Garfinkel, co-Founding Partner, KG&B. “Her becoming a name partner of our law firm further reflects our commitment to serving common interest ownership communities throughout the State of Florida and emphasizes our unwavering focus on KG&B’s core legal practice area of community association law.”

Ms. Berger has practiced community association law in Florida since 1991 and joined the law firm in April 2007 as a shareholder. Two years ago she became Managing Partner of the Ft. Lauderdale Office, where she provides legal advice to the firm’s more than 1,000 community association clients on matters that include covenant enforcement, covenant amendment, contract review and drafting, as well as statutory and documentary guidelines for the daily administration of their communities.

Since 2007, she has also served as Executive Director of the Community Advocacy Network (CAN), a not-for-profit organization established by the law firm in 2007 to advocate on behalf of those who live, serve and work in common interest ownership communities in Florida. CAN has grown into a statewide organization with a 10-member Advisory Council which speaks on behalf of the interests of more than 1,000,000 Floridians living in private residential communities.

Ms. Berger is a member of the College of Community Association Lawyers (CCAL) and the Community Association Institute (CAI). She holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Miami School of Law.

"I am thrilled to have my name added to this dynamic and rapidly expanding law firm and know that my new position as name partner of the firm will enable me to better serve our clients and the growing number of Floridians living in common interest ownership communities throughout our State," Ms. Berger said.

Katzman Garfinkel & Berger is a full service statewide law firm devoted to all aspects of community association representation. The firm handles sophisticated transactional law matters on behalf of its association clients and was one of the first community association law firms to advance all fees and costs for its lien collection and foreclosure cases and is one of the only ones still doing so in today's real estate market. In addition, Katzman Garfinkel & Berger handles property damage claims against insurance companies as well as most construction defect claims against developers on a pure contingency basis.

Named as one of the "Best Places to Work" in 2009 by the South Florida Business Journal, the firm has also been designated as "One of the Most Distinguished Law Firms in America" by Martindale-Hubbell, a peer review rating system spanning more than a century of service evaluating American Law Firms.

For more information about Katzman Garfinkel & Berger, please visit: [www.kgblawfirm.com](http://www.kgblawfirm.com).

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**About Katzman Garfinkel & Berger (KG&B):**

Katzman Garfinkel & Berger is a statewide Florida law firm devoted to community associations with seven strategically located offices throughout the State of Florida. The firm offers residents living in all types of common interest ownership communities a complete set of services including general corporate representation, lien collection and foreclosure, first party insurance claim recovery and construction defect litigation. It was one of the first firms to advance all fees and costs on behalf of communities that are forced to pursue collection of delinquent assessments. For more information, please visit: [www.kgblawfirm.com](http://www.kgblawfirm.com).

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