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Krokidas & Bluestein LLP Announces New Partner - Kathryn Cochrane Murphy Newest partner enhances firm's real estate practice

Boston (April 26, 2007) – Krokidas & Bluestein LLP, a Boston-based woman-owned law firm, recently announced that Kathryn Cochrane Murphy has joined the firm as a Partner. Murphy brings extensive experience in all aspects of commercial real estate.

"Kathy is a tremendously valuable asset to Krokidas and Bluestein," said Maria J. Krokidas, Founder and Managing Partner. "Her leadership and considerable real estate knowledge is extremely important to our firm's continued success. I look forward to her new role in our company."

Murphy represents developers, business and non-profit entities, and government agencies in connection with acquisitions, dispositions, financings, permitting, design and construction contracts, procurement matters, leasing, ground leases, condominiums, and other real estate matters. She also handles complex mixed-use real estate developments, workouts and foreclosures.

Prior to joining Krokidas & Bluestein, Murphy served as senior counsel at Edwards, Angell, Palmer & Dodge LLP in Boston. Before that, she was vice president and senior counsel at Shawmut Bank, N.A. She is on the Board of Governors for the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, is a member and former steering committee member of New England Women in Real Estate (NEWIRE), and is a member of the Urban Land Institute. She is also a Trustee of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy and an Honorary Trustee of the Boston Children's Museum.

Murphy is a *cum laude* graduate of Yale College and a *magna cum laude* graduate of Boston College Law School. She resides in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

About Krokidas & Bluestein LLP

Krokidas & Bluestein has a diverse practice with areas of concentration in real estate development and finance; public and non-profit general corporate law; social services, health and education law; public and private civil litigation; labor and employment law, and public finance. A woman-owned, SOMWBA-certified business enterprise, Krokidas & Bluestein was founded in 1979.