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**Kathryn Cochrane Murphy Elected Secretary of ACREL**

**Boston (January 24, 2012)** – The Boston law firm of Krokidas & Bluestein is pleased to announce that partner Kathryn Cochrane Murphy has been elected as Secretary of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. ACREL is the premier organization of U.S. real estate lawyers. Members are admitted by invitation only based upon their outstanding legal ability, experience, and high standards of professional and ethical conduct. Ms. Murphy has been a Fellow of ACREL since 1993. With her election as Secretary, she will also serve as a member of ACREL’s Board of Governors and Executive Committee.

Ms. Murphy is also a member and former steering committee member of New England Women in Real Estate (NEWiRE) and a member of the Urban Land Institute. She is Co-Chair of the Board of YWCA Boston, Vice-Chair of the Board of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, and an Honorary Trustee of the Boston Children's Museum. She has served as a panelist for the ALI/ABA Modern Real Estate Transactions and Commercial Leasing programs and has contributed to the ABA Mortgage Foreclosure book and the State-by-State Guide to Commercial Real Estate Leases.

Ms. Murphy, who has been practicing in the area of commercial real estate law for over 30 years, joined Krokidas and Bluestein in 2006.

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