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Roundup of Krokidas & Bluestein's 2012 Honors, Awards, and Recognitions

Boston (December 2012) – The law firm of Krokidas & Bluestein and several of its attorneys were recognized for their achievements in 2012.

Krokidas & Bluestein was named to *U.S. News & World Report's* list of the Best Law Firms for the 2012-2013 year. This was the firm's second consecutive year to receive this designation.

U.S. News & World Report also named Paul Holtzman, who specializes in employment law, management, and labor litigation, and health care lawyers Robert Griffin and Jennifer Gallop, to its 2012 Best Lawyers in America list.

Eight Attorneys at Krokidas & Bluestein were named as 2012 Massachusetts Super Lawyers: litigator Vincent J. Pisegna; real estate lawyers Maria J. Krokidas, Kathryn Cochrane Murphy, Samuel Nagler and Elizabeth C. Ross; health care lawyers Robert Griffin and Jennifer Gallop; and labor and employment lawyer Paul Holtzman. Four other attorneys at the firm were recognized as Super Lawyer Rising Stars: real estate lawyer Sheryl A. Howard; health care lawyer Emily Kretchmer; and litigation lawyers Jonathan Scharf and Anjali Waikar.

In March 2012, the Island Housing Trust of Martha's Vineyard honored partner Richard Bluestein both as a founding board member and for serving on the board for over a decade.

In May 2012, the Boston Bar Association named attorney Anjali Waikar to the Boston Bar Association's Public Interest Leadership Program (PILP). The PILP Program is a 14-month program during which participants speak with prominent community leaders to identify ways in which the legal community can better address regional business challenges.

In August 2012, partner Elka Sachs received the Women of FIRE award from Banker & Tradesman, which honors women who excel in the finance, insurance, and real estate industries. Ms. Sachs, who has worked at the firm since 1993, concentrates her practice in the areas of corporate, transactional, regulatory, and tax law.

In October 2012, partner Kathryn Murphy was elected Treasurer of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL), an invitation-only organization of the nation's top real estate practitioners. Ms. Murphy, who has been an ACREL Fellow since 1993, has practiced commercial real estate law at the firm since 2006.

About Krokidas & Bluestein LLP

Krokidas & Bluestein provides legal services in the areas of public, non-profit and for-profit general corporate law, health and education law, real estate development, finance and property management, public and private civil litigation, labor and employment law, and social services law. The firm is staffed by 19 attorneys, over half of whom are women, and is certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office for Administration and Finance Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) (formerly known as the State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance (SOMWBA)) as a woman-owned business enterprise.