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***U.S. News* “Best Law Firms” Rankings Recognize K&L Gates with Most First-Tier Rankings of Any Firm**

New York- Global law firm **K&L Gates LLP** has earned more first-tier rankings than any other law firm in the inaugural edition of the *U.S. News & World Report*–Best Lawyers rankings of “Best Law Firms,” available online at www.usnews.com/bestlawfirms and on newsstands in the coming weeks. Based on surveys of nearly 9,000 lawyers and more than 9,500 clients throughout the United States, including representatives of every Fortune 100 and more than half of Fortune 1000 companies, the report includes rankings of law firms in almost 40 national practice areas and approximately 175 metropolitan and state areas.

Along with its first-tier rankings in surveyed metropolitan and state areas, K&L Gates was also recognized with national first-tier rankings in the Corporate Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, Mutual Funds Law, Antitrust Law, Employment Law–Management, Private Funds/Hedge Funds Law, and Construction Law categories.

“It’s one thing to be highly rated by either your peers or your clients. But to be so highly rated by the *U.S. News*–Best Lawyers combined group of clients and peers is especially rewarding,” said Peter J. Kalis, K&L Gates Chairman and Global Managing Partner.

Criteria on which clients and peers were asked to evaluate firms through the surveys included areas such as responsiveness, understanding of a business and its needs, cost-effectiveness, integrity, and civility, as well as whether they would refer a matter to the firm and/or consider the firm a worthy competitor.

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