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**MASSEY & GAIL LLP ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNER IN CHICAGO AND ASSOCIATE
IN WASHINGTON, D.C., OFFICES OF 23-ATTORNEY LITIGATION BOUTIQUE**

CHICAGO — Massey & Gail LLP, a high-powered boutique law firm in Chicago, Washington, D.C., and San Francisco, announced today that Caitlin Alejandrina Kovacs has joined the firm as a partner in Chicago. She was previously a partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

Ms. Kovacs' arrival comes less than a month after the firm welcomed Alethea Anne Swift as an associate in the firm's Washington office. Both attorneys are experienced commercial litigators who provide still more firepower to Massey & Gail and its approach of directly engaging with clients to provide strategic, effective solutions.

"Our clients consistently line us up against the nation's largest law firms, and we are thrilled to have Caitlin, a partner from one of those very firms, join our team," said Leonard A. Gail, the firm's co-founder.

Co-founder Jonathan S. Massey, said: "The addition of Caitlin in Chicago following Anne's arrival in our DC office expands the depth and expertise we provide our clients."

Ms. Kovacs rose from summer associate to partner while in the commercial litigation group at Kirkland. She has litigated cases in both state and federal courts involving a wide array of subject matters, such as breach of contract, fraud, products liability, and restructuring issues. She has also represented clients involved in both internal and government-initiated investigations and has experience in False Claims Act issues. And, she has maintained an active pro bono practice, representing clients in such matters as Section 1983 claims and immigration.

"I am delighted to join Massey & Gail and look forward to helping guide the firm's clients through high-stakes litigation. I also welcome the opportunity to help the firm grow," Ms. Kovacs said.

Ms. Kovacs earned her bachelor's and law degrees from Northwestern University, both *cum laude*. During her time at the law school, she served as the president of the Latino Law Students Association and on the editorial board of the Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology. She is also a former student and PILI fellow of the Bluhm Legal Clinic's Center on Wrongful Convictions.

Ms. Swift's commercial litigation experience similarly includes trials and appeals in state and federal courts. She clerked for Judge James E. Graves, Jr., of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and for U.S. District Judge Robert Pitman of the Western District of Texas. She was previously a big law litigation associate at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld in Washington and served as Special Counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

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Anne earned her bachelor's degree from Lewis & Clark College and graduated with honors from the University of Texas School of Law, where she was an editor of the Texas Law Review. She had previously worked for several years as a crisis management consultant.

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