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EXPERTS IN REAL ESTATE TAX, PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS, EMINENT DOMAIN, AND PROPERTY VALUATION ISSUES

(Melville, NY) – The law firm of **Herman Katz Cangemi & Clyne, LLP (HKCC)**, are specialists in the fields of property tax litigation, property tax assessment issues, condemnation/eminent domain, and property valuation issues. The firm has litigated successfully on tax litigation and property valuation cases throughout New York State. Their clients include several national Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS), institutional developers, and major corporate clients.

A significant portion of HKCC's practice includes consulting with buyers and sellers of real estate to determine the true value of a property. This has become extremely important in high property tax areas such as Long Island.

A specific area of expertise is in golf course valuation – an active field as more golf courses are being sold for development. HKCC is also in the forefront of valuation of storage facilities, as well as experts in IDA funding issues, PILOT payments, and providing real estate tax and property valuation issues to other real estate attorneys.

HKCC's attorneys are experts in both administrative and judicial level proceedings and have established case law in several property issue areas. Most recently, they tried the first office valuation case in Manhattan in almost 20 years, resulting in a \$100 million assessment reduction.

Firm Partners:

Jay Herman specializes in the intricacies of tax certiorari and condemnation law and has extensive trial experience. Mr. Herman tried the first self-storage case in New York and leads the firm's representation for the majority of the nation's self-storage operators. He was lead trial counsel on a key midtown Manhattan office building litigation resulting in benefits approaching \$100 million. Mr. Herman has successfully represented clients before the New York State Board of Real Property Services regarding special equalization rates and has perfected appeals on both tax certiorari and condemnation valuation issues.

Robert Katz is a skilled property tax attorney who oversees portfolios for national Real Estate Investment Trusts. Mr. Katz is experienced in all facets of real estate and advises investors in and owners of hotels, regional and specialty shopping centers, office buildings, apartment complexes, and department stores.

Andrew Cangemi's background in the Nassau County Attorney's office enhanced his expertise in property valuation for both certiorari and eminent domain purposes. Mr. Cangemi has handled almost every conceivable issue connected to property valuation, which has resulted in a mastery of trial work in complicated valuation property issues.

Kevin Clyne is an expert in specialized issues, including the valuation of contaminated property and unconstitutional garbage/solid waste assessments. He is also a successful litigator having prosecuted the valuation of numerous commercial and retail properties. He served as lead trial counsel on what will become the first big box retail decision in New York State.

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