



KATZMAN GARFINKEL & BERGER HIRES THREE SENIOR ATTORNEYS TO EXPANDING FLORIDA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LAW PRACTICE

Attorneys David M. Karpinia and Howard J. Perl Join the Community Association Practice in Ft. Lauderdale, Attorney Scott Newsom Joins Firm's Orlando Office

FT. LAUDERDALE and ORLANDO, FL, Aug. 10th, 2010 – The Florida law firm of Katzman Garfinkel & Berger (www.kgblawfirm.com), with statewide offices in Ft. Lauderdale, Maitland/Orlando, Boynton Beach, Miami, West Palm Beach, St. Augustine and Naples, today announced the addition of Senior Attorneys David M. Karpinia, Scott Newsom and Howard J. Perl to the firm's expanding community association law practice.

Mr. Karpinia and Mr. Perl will be based in the firm's Ft. Lauderdale headquarters, while Mr. Newsom will be based in the firm's Orlando/Maitland office, joining KG&B's growing team of community association attorneys serving more than 1,000 association clients through seven strategically located offices throughout the State of Florida.

"Katzman Garfinkel & Berger is extremely pleased to welcome senior attorneys of the caliber of David Karpinia, Scott Newsom and Howard Perl into our steadily expanding team of Florida community association legal professionals," said Leigh C. Katzman, Founding Partner, Katzman Garfinkel & Berger. "These fine attorneys underscore our law firm's unequalled commitment to community, assisting our clients in the efficient operation and administration of their associations, while counseling them on their responsibilities and duties under Florida law and their governing documents."

"In joining Katzman Garfinkel & Berger, these three attorneys bring not only the excellence that has distinguished their legal careers to date, but also a track record of committed public service and success in private business that will serve to support and strengthen the quality of legal services our firm provides daily to more than 1,000 of the finest common interest ownership communities across our State," said Donna DiMaggio Berger, Managing Partner, Katzman Garfinkel & Berger.

- **David M. Karpinia** was previously a Supervising Attorney in the Collections/Foreclosures Department at Becker & Poliakoff, concentrating his practice in the areas of commercial litigation and collections and foreclosures in the firm's West Palm Beach office. Prior to his work for Becker & Poliakoff, Mr. Karpinia was a telecommunications executive for two decades with Motorola, Inc. in Plantation, FL, where he developed, tested and taught materials for marketing techniques, managed large staffs, and was involved in all aspects of product development, manufacturing, service and department management. He received his J.D. degree in 2002 from Nova Southeastern University and holds a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from Florida Atlantic University. He was admitted to the Florida Bar in 2003.

- **Scott Newsom** was previously a Partner in the Orlando office of the law firm of Shutts & Bowen, concentrating his practice within the real estate department in the area of community association law. Prior to joining Shutts & Bowen, he was an Associate Attorney in the community association practice of the Maitland office of Taylor & Carls, P.A. Previously, Mr. Newsom was a Florida Assistant State

Attorney, responsible for the prosecution and trial of felony-level criminal cases. He also has previously clerked for the Office of the City Attorney for Sanibel, Florida, and interned for the Office of the State Attorney for the Fifth Judicial Circuit. Mr. Newsom received his J.D. degree with honors from the University of Florida in 1997 and was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1998. He is an Adjunct Instructor at Seminole State College, where he teaches Public Speaking.

● **Howard J. Perl** was previously an Associate Attorney in the Broward County office of the law firm of Siegfried, Rivera, Lerner, De la Torre & Sobel, concentrating his practice in all aspects of condominium and homeowner association law. Mr. Perl joined Siegfried Rivera as a law clerk in 2004 after also having clerked for the law firm of Becker & Poliakoff in that firm's Ft. Lauderdale offices. He was previously a community association manager for 17 years, serving for 12 of those years as an Operations Manager and Regional Manager with The Continental Group, Inc. A Florida-licensed Community Association Manager (LCAM), Mr. Perl has received Professional Community Association Manager (PCMA) designation from the Community Association Institute (CAI), of which he is a member. He received his J.D. degree from Nova Southeastern University in 2004, graduating *magna cum laude*, and was admitted to the Florida Bar in 2005. Deployed to Iraq from July 2005 to July 2006 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, he retired in 2008 as a Major (R) in the United States Army Reserve after 33 years of Active Duty and Army Reserve Service.

Katzman Garfinkel & Berger is a full-service statewide law firm devoted to all aspects of community association representation, including sophisticated transactional law matters, first party insurance claims and construction defect cases. The firm is unique in advancing all fees and costs for its association clients to pursue delinquent assessments, and also handles property damage claims against insurance companies as well as most construction defect claims against developers on a pure contingency basis.

Named as one of the "Best Places to Work" in 2009 by the South Florida Business Journal, the firm has also been designated as "One of the Most Distinguished Law Firms in America" by Martindale-Hubbell, a peer review rating system spanning more than a century of service evaluating American Law Firms.

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Katzman Garfinkel & Berger is a statewide Florida law firm devoted to community associations with seven strategically located offices throughout the State of Florida. The firm offers residents living in all types of common interest ownership communities a complete set of services including general corporate representation, lien collection and foreclosure, first party insurance claim recovery and construction defect litigation. It was one of the first firms to advance all fees and costs on behalf of communities that are forced to pursue collection of delinquent assessments. For more information, please visit: www.kgblawfirm.com.

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