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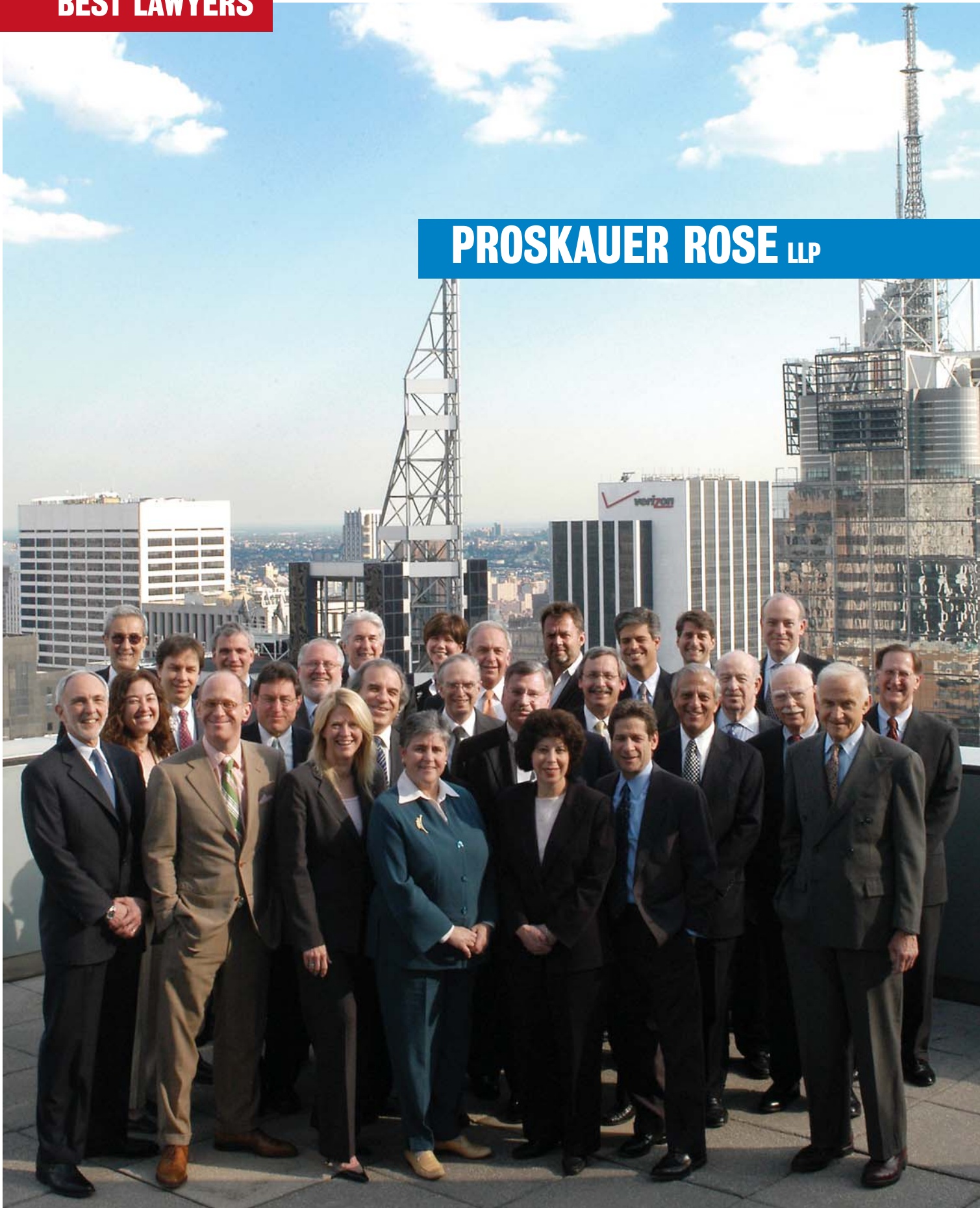


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THEY SAY A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS. As the photo taken high atop its headquarters at 1585 Broadway shows, Proskauer is at the top of the legal world. The firm has a staggering 37 lawyers named in “The Best Lawyers in America.®” Allen Fagin, Proskauer’s chairman says, “We pride ourselves on the scope and diversity of our legal talent; clients come to us when they want the best.”

TRULY A NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FIRM (with eight offices around the country and in Europe), Proskauer’s roots remain entrenched here, in the city that has supported its tremendous growth since its founding some 130 years ago. It’s an important thing to know about the firm, says Mr. Fagin: while Proskauer is committed to national and international growth, it is one of New York’s preeminent law firms, intimately tied to the financial and cultural institutions that define New York’s primacy in the worlds of commerce and culture.

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“WE REPRESENT THE INSTITUTIONS THAT MAKE NEW YORK TICK,” says Mr. Fagin, who became chairman of the firm at the beginning of this year. Indeed, the firm, which counts some 650 attorneys, represents a host of financial services powerhouses like AIG, Bear Stearns, Citigroup, Credit Suisse First Boston, JPMorgan Chase, Merrill Lynch, MetLife, and Morgan Stanley, as well as quintessential New York icons such as Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the New York City Ballet, the Tony Awards®, the New York Public Library, The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA),

Columbia University, the New York Jets, the New York Stock Exchange, the Daily News, The Wall Street Journal, and The New York Times -- not to mention the City of New York itself.

BECAUSE OF THIS INTIMATE CONNECTION, Mr. Fagin says, the firm’s attorneys have an unrivaled sense of civic commitment to New York’s wellbeing. Two Proskauer partners have served as Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, three have been recent presidents of The Association of the Bar of the City of New York, while others have become judges, business and sports leaders (the Commissioners of both the National Basketball Association and the National Hockey League are alumni).

WHILE ITS SUCCESSES ARE FAR TOO GREAT TO LIST, a highlight last year came when a jury in the Southern District in New York found that the firm’s client, Silverstein Properties -- a lessee of the World Trade Center -- was entitled to an additional

\$1.1 billion in insurance coverage for loss of property in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. This past June, Proskauer represented the New York Jets in successfully defeating legal challenges to the Jets’ efforts to purchase the airspace to build the West Side Stadium.

THE FIRM HAS A STRONG DEDICATION TO PRO BONO WORK, with a major emphasis on providing free legal services to those unable to afford them. Just this year, it won a precedent-setting case in the U.S. Supreme Court, which resulted in a prohibition on racial segregation of prisoners in the California prison system. And, Proskauer was the recipient of the New York State Bar Association President’s Pro Bono Service Award for its free legal services to victims of domestic violence, foster children, and non-profit organizations.

IT’S ALL PART OF WHAT PUTS PROSKAUER ROSE IN A LEAGUE OF ITS OWN, says Mr. Fagin: “What defines us is the quality of our work, the depth of our talent, and our passionate commitment to the success of our clients.”

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Proskauer Rose LLP is one of the nation's largest law firms, providing a wide variety of legal services to major corporations and other clients throughout the United States and around the world. It is dedicated to producing results for individuals and businesses. Founded in 1875 in New York City, the Firm employs attorneys in seven domestic offices (New York, Los Angeles, Washington, Boston, Boca Raton, Newark and New Orleans) and Paris.

The Firm has wide experience in all areas of practice important to businesses, including corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions, real estate transactions, bankruptcy and reorganizations, taxation, litigation, intellectual property, and labor and employment law. Its clients include participants in many industries, including chemicals, entertainment, financial services, health care, hospitality, information technology, insurance, internet, manufacturing, media and communications, pharmaceuticals, real estate investment, sports, and transportation.

Trained at leading law schools, Proskauer's lawyers also are active in important civic, philanthropic and trade organizations, often holding significant leadership positions. These community leaders are also frequently called on for advice and service by government agencies, the judiciary, bar and charitable organizations, and corporate boards of directors.

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