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## ***CASSIN & CASSIN LLP OPENS WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE***

**NEW YORK – October 15, 2013 – Cassin & Cassin LLP** is pleased to announce the **opening of its new office** in Washington, D.C. with the addition of new **partners Caroline Blakely and Alonso Cisneros**.

### **About Caroline Blakely**

Caroline Blakely will be the partner in charge of the D.C. office and a member of the Firm's Executive Committee. Ms. Blakely brings a record of excellence in corporate finance and commercial real estate to her role at Cassin & Cassin. Most recently, Ms. Blakely served as a Vice President in Fannie Mae's Multifamily business. In this capacity, Ms. Blakely defined the strategic direction for the company's growing asset management and counterparty responsibilities, while resolving large loan restructuring with zero loss to Fannie Mae. In addition, Ms. Blakely was responsible for mitigating the financial and operational risk of 24 DUS Lenders, including assessing the counterparty's capital adequacy to share risk with Fannie Mae's balance sheet by conducting performing note sales and negotiated the first sale of multifamily mortgage servicing rights. Early in her career, Ms. Blakely practiced real estate, banking and corporate law at firms in the D.C. area, including a woman-owned firm she co-founded that specialized in matters related to the Resolution Trust Corporation.

Ms. Blakely received her Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Georgetown University Law Center and her Bachelor of Arts, Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Virginia. She is currently a member of the Board of Governors of the Commercial Real Estate Finance Council (CREFC). Ms. Blakely also volunteers on the Board of Trustees for Global Communities, a non-profit specializing in international development and microfinance.

### **About Alonso Cisneros**

Alonso Cisneros will serve as partner in Cassin & Cassin's Real Estate Finance and Real Estate Transactions groups. Mr. Cisneros brings more than 10 years of experience and knowledge in all aspects of commercial real estate, including significant experience representing lenders in financing multifamily properties through Fannie Mae's DUS program and Freddie Mac's Seller/Servicer programs. In addition to his experience in real estate finance, Mr. Cisneros has negotiated, analyzed, assessed and closed purchase and sale transactions of improved and unimproved real estate, and office, retail and ground leases for both landlords and tenants. He has also represented lenders and borrowers in acquisition, pre-development, development and construction loans for projects ranging from single-user warehouse facilities to mixed-use phased developments.

Mr. Cisneros received his Juris Doctor from the George Washington University Law School and his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from the University of Florida. Mr. Cisneros speaks fluent Spanish and conversational French.

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