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## Otten Johnson Receives Top Ranking by Chambers USA for 2013

**Denver, CO** – Otten Johnson Robinson Neff + Ragonetti PC (Otten Johnson) has once again *been ranked as the leading real estate law firm in Colorado*. Chambers USA annually ranks law firms and lawyers by areas of practice in each state. Otten Johnson is the only firm in Colorado to have been ranked in the top "band" in real estate every year since Chambers began ranking law firms in the United States, in 2003.

In 2013, clients contacted by Chambers had this to say about Otten Johnson:

"This highly regarded group covers transactional work as well as land use, zoning and development matters. In a particular highlight, the team represented the Metropolitan Stadium District in relation to the acquisition of a large portion of its land for the development of a rail link by Regional Transportation District."

"They're responsive, they're fast and they deal with a lot of workflow. They know all the nuances and they help me protect my risks."

Individual attorneys honored by Chambers USA include:

- Thomas J. Ragonetti ranked in "Band 1" for two categories: Real Estate; and Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use
- Frank L. Robinson Senior Statesman: Real Estate
- John D. Sternberg Senior Statesman: Real Estate
- Michael Westover ranked in "Band 2" for Real Estate

Chambers USA provided the following editorial comments and quotes from clients and peers on these attorneys:

<u>Thomas Ragonetti</u> is described by a source as "one of the most brilliant attorneys I know," and is also praised as "very creative, thoughtful and able to get things done." His broad docket includes matters relating to land use and zoning, public-private transactions and government regulation.

<u>Frank Robinson</u> is a founding member of the firm who enjoys a long-standing reputation for transactional real estate work. He was part of the team representing Brookfield Properties Acquisitions in its purchase of an office building in downtown Denver.

"Super-smart" attorney Michael Westover is "an excellent real estate lawyer," confirm sources. He is well known for his financing expertise in the sector. Last year he advised several multifamily unit developers in relation to transactional matters.

<u>"John Sternberg</u> is one of the brightest real estate lawyers" in the state, who is "very detailed-oriented, but can think strategically as well." He is best known for his work on commercial development, but also has experience representing investors and investment funds.

About Otten Johnson – Otten Johnson is a leading commercial law firm in Colorado, highly regarded for its real estate and land use practices. Our attorneys work with clients in a wide array of industries, with a particular emphasis on finding real world, business-minded solutions. In the real estate industry, Otten Johnson's clients include owners, developers, builders, investors, banks and financial institutions, commercial tenants, managers and brokers, whether in the multifamily, residential subdivision, office, retail, hotel and resort, mixed-use, or industrial sectors. The firm provides legal services related to real estate and business transactions, financing, land use and entitlement matters, urban renewal and other public/private partnerships, mergers and acquisitions, tax, eminent domain, regulatory compliance, workouts, restructuring, bankruptcy, and commercial litigation. For more information about Otten Johnson Robinson Neff + Ragonetti PC, please contact Heather Baker at hbaker@ottenjohnson.com or visit our website: ottenjohnson.com.