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## **MASSEY KNAKAL'S TOP AGENTS RECEIVE COSTAR POWERBROKER AWARD**

Massey Knakal Realty Services is pleased to announce that three of their agents have been awarded the CoStar Powerbroker award. **Robert Knakal, Thomas Donovan, and Stephen Palmese** were among those honored with this prestigious award.

Mr. Knakal, Chairman and Founding Partner of Massey Knakal Realty Services, has brokered the sale of nearly 1,075 properties having an aggregate market value in excess of \$6.3 billion. Mr. Knakal's professional accomplishments include twice winning the Robert T. Lawrence Award in REBNY's Most Ingenious Deal of the Year contest. In 2008, he was named one of the top 10 investment sales brokers in the United States by Real Estate Forum magazine. In 2010, Mr. Knakal, along with CEO, Paul Massey, were included on The New York Observer's list of the Top 100 Most Powerful Individuals in New York Real Estate for the second year in a row. Mr. Knakal and Mr. Massey have led their firm to their **#1 ranking for the eighth consecutive year** on CoStar's list of Top Brokerage Firms for NYC Commercial Property Sales.

Mr. Donovan joined Massey Knakal in 1998 to head up the firm's first full-service outer borough office. The office, which opened in February 1999, has gone from a two-person startup to a flourishing establishment more than 10 times its original size. In 2005, Mr. Donovan was named to the Crain's New York Business' 40 Under 40 list for his outstanding achievement in the New York City business community. In 2009, Mr. Donovan was named Massey Knakal's Top Salesperson of the Year in Queens and second place overall company-wide. This is the second year in a row that CoStar named Mr. Donovan a Top Sales Broker for Queens/Long Island.

Mr. Palmese, a Brooklyn native, joined Massey Knakal in August 2004 covering the Bay Ridge neighborhood of Brooklyn. In October 2008, he was promoted to First Vice President of Sales for Downtown Brooklyn. In 2009, Mr. Palmese handled the largest apartment building and development site transactions to take place in Brooklyn. After a successful year, Mr. Palmese was named Top Salesperson of the Year in Massey Knakal's Brooklyn office. In his career, Mr. Palmese has sold over 50 properties with an aggregate consideration of nearly \$225,000,000.