Don Dagenais to Receive Leadership Award at 2012 ArtsKC Awards Luncheon

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (December 15, 2011) – Lathrop Gage partner Don Dagenais (Real Estate – Kansas City) will be honored at the 2012 ArtsKC Awards Luncheon & Campaign Launch. Dagenais will receive the ArtsKC Virtuoso Award for his outstanding leadership in the arts in 2011. The luncheon will take place from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 2012 at Starlight Theatre.

A long-time supporter of the Kansas City arts community, Dagenais is currently serving as vice president-legal counsel on the board of the Lyric Opera, and co-authored *Fifty Years of the Lyric Opera: A Great First Act.* He also previously served as president of the Heart of America Shakespeare Festival board. Founded in 1999, ArtsKC (The Arts Council of Metropolitan Kansas City) develops programs designed to strengthen the region through the arts and promotes networking, learning and collaboration among the arts and business communities.

Dagenais concentrates his practice in real estate law, specializing in commercial real estate purchase, sale, mortgage, lease, development, management and land use projects for commercial developers, builders, investors, condominium developers, banks, mortgage lenders and property managers. Dagenais has been selected for Missouri/Kansas *Super Lawyers*, named a “Leading Lawyer” by *Chambers USA*, selected among *The Best Lawyers in America*, selected by peers to the *Kansas City Business Journal’s* “Best of Bar,” and is Martindale-Hubbell “AV” rated.

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