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Hires/Promotions/ Honors

The Engineering Society of Buffalo named **Rebecca Wightman** of William Schutt and Associates, president of its board of directors for 2009-10. Other officers: vice president, **Steve SanFilippo**, Avox Systems; secretary, **Jeremy Watts**, Army Corps of Engineers; and treasurer, **Bart Klettke**, GZA GeoEnvironmental. Directors: **Kevin Albaugh**, Intensive Energy Engineering; **Gene Colucci**; **Jonathan Kolber**, Army Corps of Engineers; and **Peter Pawlik**.

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HoganWillig named **Norton T. Lowe** an associate in the firm's Personal Injury and Malpractice Department. Lowe received his J. D. from the University at Buffalo School of Law and bachelor's degree from St. Lawrence University.

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Phillips Lytle paralegal **Laura Szychowski** recently participated in a panel discussion titled "Law Jobs without Going to Law School" at **University at Buffalo**. The discussion provided ideas of how students can prepare for a future in law with or without law school.

Company items

- **Arsenal Contracting**, Alden, was awarded a \$749,203.41 federal contract for the expansion of a dialysis clinic under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act from the **U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs** Western New York HealthCare System, Buffalo.
- **SKF USA**, Falconer, was awarded a \$61,590 federal contract for the repair or modification of roller bearings from the **U. S. Naval Supply Systems Command**, Philadelphia.
- **L&D Johnson Plumbing & Heating**, Buffalo, was awarded a \$217,831.79 federal contract for the repair of the warehouse roof and patio under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act from the **U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs** Western New York Health Care System, Buffalo.
- **Niagara Thermal Products**, Niagara Falls, was awarded a \$54,810 federal contract for lubricating coolers from the **Defense Logistics Agency's Defense Supply Center**, Richmond, Va.

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Phillips Lytle, a law firm with offices in Buffalo, Albany, Chautauqua, Garden City, New York City and Rochester, ranks as the 224th largest law firm in the United States, up from 244 in 2008 on the **National Law Journal's** 32nd annual survey of the nation's 250 largest law firms.

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Laneware, a Buffalo-based Web hosting company, launched a free Web hosting program for nonprofit organizations. Nonprofit organizations can contact Rich Lane at 830-0729 or visit www.laneware.net for information regarding the free program. **Patents**

Title: "IL-14.alpha. RNA inhibitors and antibodies to IL-14.alpha. for treatment of autoimmune diseases and lymphomas"
No.: 7,622,574 **Inventors:** Ambrus Jr., Julian L. (Buffalo); Shen, Long (Tonawanda); Ford, Richard (Houston); Zhang, Chongjie (Sichuan, China) **Assignee:** The Research Foundation of State University of New York (Buffalo)