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**PHILLIPS LYTLE LLP PARTNERS RICHARD E. HONEN AND JEFFREY B. SCHWARTZ
PARTICIPANTS IN CENTER FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH'S ENTREPRENEUR NIGHT**

ALBANY, NY – Richard E. Honen and Jeffrey B. Schwartz, co-chairs of the Capital & Innovation Group of Phillips Lytle LLP, one of the region's best known law firms, will participate in the Center for Economic Growth's Speed Mentoring for Entrepreneurs on March 19 at the Holiday Inn Express-Downtown Albany. The purpose of the event is for entrepreneurs, and those who are interested in learning more, to meet with established business leaders and consultants to learn how to successfully launch a new venture, from start-up capital and long-term vision to legal protection and marketing strategy.

At Phillips Lytle, Mr. Honen focuses his practice in corporate and venture capital law and commercial litigation, providing corporate counsel to a broad spectrum of companies with a particular emphasis on emerging growth and start-up companies. He earned his J.D. from Albany Law School Union University and his B.A. from UAlbany. Active with several economic and venture capital organizations within the Capital Region, Mr. Honen is a founding member of the Tech Valley Angels Network, an advisory board member of the Science and Technology Law Center at Albany Law School, a board member of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, and a former executive committee member and director with The Center for Economic Growth.

Mr. Schwartz concentrates his practice in banking and corporate law, regularly working with start-ups, technology and emerging growth companies. A member of the New York State Bar Association, he earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from Albany Law School of Union University and his B.A. from State University of New York College at New Paltz. Mr. Schwartz is also a member of the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce and the Saratoga Economic Development Corporation.

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