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**PHILLIPS LYTLE LLP PARTNERS RAYMOND H. SEITZ AND PAUL B. ZUYDHOEK
NAMED BEST LAWYERS OF THE YEAR**

BUFFALO, NY – Raymond H. Seitz and Paul B. Zuydhoek, partners with Phillips Lytle LLP, one of the region's best known law firms, have been named "Lawyers of the Year" by Best Lawyers, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. Mr. Seitz has been named the Best Lawyers' 2009 Buffalo Banking Lawyer of the Year and Mr. Zuydhoek has been recognized as the Best Lawyers' 2009 Buffalo Bet-the-Company Litigator of the Year.

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At Phillips Lytle, Mr. Seitz concentrates in banking and commercial lending representing financial institutions and borrowers. He earned his J.D. from University of Notre Dame Law School and a B.S. in Accounting from Canisius College. A member of the American, New York State and Erie County Bar Associations, Mr. Seitz is also a fellow of The American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers and is also listed in *Who's Who in American Law*[®] and in the Upstate New York *Super Lawyers*.

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Mr. Zuydhoek concentrates in the defense of personal injury litigation and the prosecution and defense of commercial cases. A member of the American, New York State and Erie County Bar Associations, he earned his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law and his B.A. from Kenyon College. Mr. Zuydhoek is a fellow of The American College of Trial Lawyers.

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