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**PHILLIPS LYTLE LLP'S RICHARD E. HONEN NAMED TO
2010 *BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA*[®]**

Firm ranked #1 in Venture Capital Law in Albany

ALBANY, N.Y. – Phillips Lytle LLP, one of the region's best known law firms, has 50 attorneys who were named in the 2010 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*[®], including Albany partner Richard E. Honen. *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] is the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. In New York State rankings by practice area, Phillips Lytle is listed #1 in commercial litigation with 14 attorneys. Locally in Albany, the firm ranked #1 in venture capital law.

"Being recognized by your peers is one of the highest honors in the legal profession," said David J. McNamara, managing partner. "Each year more of our dedicated attorneys are recognized by *Best Lawyers*, which is indicative of the talent and expertise we have at Phillips Lytle. We congratulate Rich on being named for the first time."

First published in 1983, *Best Lawyers* has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence in the United States. For the new U.S. edition, more than 24,126 leading attorneys cast more than 2.8 million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in the same and related specialties. Because of the methodology used and because lawyers are not required or allowed to pay a fee to be listed, inclusion in *Best Lawyers* is considered a singular honor.

Named *Best Lawyer* for the first time this year, Mr. Honen focuses his practice in corporate and venture capital law and commercial litigation. He provides corporate counsel to a broad spectrum of companies with a particular emphasis on emerging growth and start-up companies.

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