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**PHILLIPS LYTLE LLP RANKS IN #1 IN BUFFALO FOR
2010 *BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA*[®]**

50 attorneys firm-wide, with 37 in Buffalo office named Best Lawyers

BUFFALO, N.Y. – Phillips Lytle LLP, one of the region’s best known law firms, has been ranked #1 in Buffalo for the number of *Best Lawyers in America*[®] at the firm. Phillips Lytle has 37 attorneys in the Buffalo office and a total of 50 firm-wide named in the 2010 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*[®], 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.

“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.”

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.

Edward S. Bloomberg (Commercial Litigation), Gary F. Kotaska (Corporate Law) and Lisa McDougall (Health Care Law) were named *Best Lawyers* for the first time this year.

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Best Lawyers also recognized another 34 Phillips Lytle attorneys in the Buffalo office in their respective practice areas, including: Frederick G. Attea (Corporate Law), Thomas C. Bailey (Corporate & Franchise Law), Raymond H. Barr (Employee Benefits Law), Peter D. Braun (Commercial & Personal Injury Litigation), William J. Brown (Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law), James J. Contino (Real Estate Law), James D. Donathen (Labor and Employment Law), Kevin J. English (Commercial Litigation), Robert E. Glanville (Environmental Law), Morgan G. Graham (Commercial Litigation & Environmental Law), James R. Grasso (Labor and Employment Law), Robert M. Greene (Health Care Law), Edward M. Griffith, Jr. (Tax Law), Tamar P. Halpern (Commercial Litigation & Product Liability Litigation), Kevin M. Hogan (Commercial Litigation), Paul F. Jones (Commercial Litigation & Product Liability Litigation), David H. Kernan (Employee Benefits Law), James A. Locke (Tax Law), Kenneth A. Manning (Bet-the-Company, Commercial & Personal Injury Litigation), Michael R. Moravec (Labor and Employment Law), Paul Morrison-Taylor (Personal Injury Litigation), David Murray (Corporate Law), John A. Pappano (Real Estate Law), Michael B. Powers (Personal Injury Litigation), Arthur A. Russ, Jr. (Corporate Law), Raymond H. Seitz (Corporate Law, Banking Law & Equipment Finance Law), James W. Smyton (Corporate Law), Peter K. Sommer (Intellectual Property Law), John C. Spitzmiller (Trusts and Estates), Paul K. Stecker (Commercial Litigation), James W. Whitcomb (Personal Injury Litigation), Sharon L. Wick (Trusts and Estates), Thomas S. Wiswall (Commercial Litigation & Product Liability Litigation) and Paul B. Zuydhoek (Bet-the-Company & Commercial Litigation).

Phillips Lytle LLP, one of the region's best known law firms, is celebrating its 175th anniversary in 2009. The firm has seven offices across New York State in Buffalo, Albany, Chautauqua, Garden City, New York City and Rochester. With the farthest geographic reach of any law firm in the state of New York, Phillips Lytle is well equipped to meet the needs of their clients. For additional information, visit www.phillipslytle.com.

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