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BUFFALO, NY – James W. Whitcomb, a partner, Amy E. McShane and Jodie L. Ryan, attorneys with Phillips Lytle LLP, one of the region’s best known law firms, were contributors to “A State-By-State Guide to Construction & Design Law,” an American Bar Association publication. Mr. Whitcomb and Ms. Ryan penned a joint article on construction and design law in New York State for the recently published book and Ms. McShane served as a Real Property Acquisitions Editor.

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