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**HINMAN STRAUB SELECTED AS A BEST LAW FIRM**

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Albany – Hinman Straub P.C., one of New York’s most respected legal and public affairs firms, has been selected as a Best Law Firm for 2012 by U.S. News and Best Lawyers.

Best Law Firms and Best Lawyers are respected worldwide peer-review products of U.S. News & World Report. Selection is based on independent, peer-submitted surveys. The “Best” lists have earned the respect of the profession, the media and the public as a reliable, unbiased source of legal referrals.

“On behalf of the entire firm, it’s certainly an honor to be recognized by your peers for professionalism and for all of the efforts that we put forth on behalf of our clients,” said Fredric L. Bodner, Albany Law School Class of 1975 and chair of the firm’s Health Insurance and Life Insurance departments. “We are very pleased to be able to assist our clients in successfully addressing many of the business and regulatory issues which arise in today’s challenging competitive and financial climate.”

Founded in 1932, [Hinman Straub](#) is a full-service law firm based in Albany whose staff of 34 attorneys and a team of government relations professionals provide individual, institutional and corporate clients with comprehensive legal and government relations services.

Earlier this year the firm formalized its [ethics and compliance services](#) into a dedicated practice area. The initiative is a continued effort to help clients understand the many specific requirements associated with lobbying, ethics compliance and election law. The effort was complemented with the launch of an online resource, the New York Lobbying, Ethics and Elections Compliance blog – a free service designed to introduce the firm’s web visitors to government ethics.

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