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**HINMAN STRAUB LAUNCHES EXPANDED COMPLIANCE PRACTICE
FOCUSING ON LOBBYING, ETHICS AND ELECTION LAW**

Hinman Straub P.C., one of New York's most respected legal and public affairs firms, today announced that it has formalized its' compliance practice which will be dedicated to the specific requirements associated with lobbying, ethics and election activities. The firm has historically provided these services to existing clients as part of its comprehensive representation. It has now decided to formally establish this evolving field as a dedicated practice area.

Sean Doolan, chair of the firm's Government Relations department sees this expansion as an important asset for current and future clients. "For more than 70 years, Hinman Straub has supported its clients with a vast and effective array of legal and government relations services, including all areas of legal and ethical compliance. By adding this new dedicated practice area, we build on that tradition by offering a specialty that is both in demand and required in today's government affairs environment."

To complement the practice, Hinman Straub has also launched a new online resource, the *New York Lobbying, Ethics and Elections Compliance* blog. This free service is edited by Hinman Straub principal Michael Fallon, a veteran of the firm's Government Relations department. Fallon, a member of the bar since 1993, carries real-world expertise stemming from a 15-year career in state government serving as Senior Counsel in the New York State Senate and as General Counsel to the Office of Homeland Security. "Those who conduct business at the Capitol, with local governments, school districts or the non-profit community need to recognize that the rules and requirements for compliance in these practice areas are constantly in flux." Fallon said.

This practice and its associated blog: <http://www.hinmanstraub.com/blog> will provide in-depth and up-to-date information on the activities of state and city agencies including the New York State Commission on Public Integrity, the New York State Board of Elections, the New York State Attorney General's office; and the New York City Campaign Finance Board and New York City Lobbying Bureau.

The firm has been compiling information, opinions and case-related data, in an effort to ensure that its research and resources are current, relevant and useful to users. To learn more about Hinman Straub's Ethics, Compliance and Elections specialization contact Michael Fallon at: 518.436.0751.

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