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Steady Growth at Albany Law Firm

*Gilberti Stinziano Heintz & Smith, P.C.
Adds Third New Associate This Year*

ALBANY, August 11, 2006 — Gilberti Stinziano Heintz & Smith, P.C. announces Donald T. Ross has joined the law firm as an Associate Attorney. Ross, former General Counsel and Deputy Commissioner of the New York State Department of Economic Development, will focus his practice on environmental, public finance and tax law.

Prior to serving the NYS Department of Economic Development, Mr. Ross was a Legislative Assistant for then-State Senator George Pataki. He also assisted the Pataki-McCaughey Governor-Elect Transition Team by drafting policy documents, and conducted legal and policy research for the Office of the Governor.

Mr. Ross is the third new associate to join Gilberti Stinziano Heintz & Smith, P.C. this year. "We have been fortunate to be able to expand quickly and increase our presence here in Albany," said Greg Faucher, Managing Partner of the Albany office of Gilberti Stinziano Heintz & Smith, P.C.

In June, the firm welcomed Geraldine Gauthier as an Associate Attorney. Graduating fifth in her class at Brooklyn Law School in 2004, Gauthier already had significant experience as a paralegal. Admitted to the New York Bar in 2005, Gauthier practiced insurance litigation at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in New York City before moving to the Albany area to join Gilberti Stinziano Heintz & Smith.

Gilberti Stinziano Heintz & Smith, P.C. also added Associate Attorney Miriam Healy in February of this year. Ms. Healy's first experience with the Albany legal community was

as a volunteer for the Capital District Women's Bar Association. Ms. Healy practiced real property tax law, corporate law and general litigation at a small firm in Saratoga Springs and a large Glens Falls firm before joining Gilberti Stinziano Heintz & Smith, P.C. in downtown Albany.

"Don, Gerry and Miriam are all talented attorneys. Each brings a unique skill set to the firm and are key to our continued success. They are great assets to the firm," said Faucher. "Albany is a great place to do business, and the firm looks forward to continued expansion in this area."

Celebrating its fortieth anniversary this year, Gilberti Stinziano Heintz & Smith, P.C. is a recognized leader in the fields of environmental, land use and energy law, real property tax assessment and eminent domain. Gilberti Stinziano Heintz & Smith, P.C. provides legal services to all sectors of business and industry, government, financial institutions and large global entities. The firm also has offices in Syracuse, Rochester and New York City.

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