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## Carr Public Affairs To Join Hinman Straub Advisors

**Albany, NY** – Hinman Straub Advisors LLC and Carr Public Affairs today announced that the professionals and staff of Carr Public Affairs will join Hinman Straub Advisors, effective immediately. The newly combined staff will continue to provide strategic, regulatory and legislative counsel to both firms' government relations clients at Hinman's State Street location.

"We are extremely pleased that the Carr Public Affairs team will be joining Hinman. Over the past few years, our firms have worked closely together on a number of issues. Formalizing our collaborative efforts will provide our clients with a diverse talent base and a greater depth of representation," Sean Doolan, principal at Hinman Straub, said.

"Teaming up with Hinman was a natural progression of the expansion of Carr Public Affairs' client base," James Carr, president of Carr Public Affairs said. "Complex legislative issues demand the dedication of knowledgeable, well-respected professionals and we know that our clients will benefit from the added dimension of expertise and excellence that Hinman brings to the table."

James Carr founded Carr Public Affairs, Inc. nearly 15 years ago after serving at Davidoff & Malito, P.C, and having previously served as legislative analyst in the State Senate's Office of Federal Affairs in Washington, D.C., and as a legislative associate with the State Senate Education Committee. Carr Public Affairs represents clients with interests in education, healthcare and transportation and environmental policy. Mr. Carr is active in a number of community organizations, and is currently a member of the board of directors of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Albany. He is a former trustee of the Guilderland Public Library, the Upper Hudson Library System and is a former member of the board of directors of Historic Albany Foundation. He is a past president of the Albany County Land Conservancy, and the former chair of the American Diabetes Association Capital District Chapter Board of Directors.

In addition to James Carr, the following staffers will also join Hinman Straub:

**Vincent J. Graber, Sr.** – Prior to entering the private sector, Mr. Graber served as a distinguished member of the New York State Assembly for more than 20 years, including 5 years as as Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly. In that position he championed many important issues including being responsible for passage of the nation's first state seat belt legislation. A western New York native, Mr. Graber is a United States Army veteran who also worked for the South Buffalo Railway Company and served as a West Seneca town councilmember.

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**Jean M. Cox** - Before joining Carr Public Affairs, Ms. Cox served as counsel to New York State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) for 8 years where she was the primary liaison with federal and state legislators concerning all aspects of emergency management including the September 11 attacks. Her experience with SEMO was preceded by tenures as counsel to Senator Nicholas A. Spano and the Senate Labor Committee, as an attorney/lobbyist with the law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King, senior management services coordinator with the Assembly Republican Minority, and with the Senate Mental Hygiene Committee. She is admitted to the New York and Federal Bars, and is the former chair of the National Emergency Management Association's Legal Committee.

**Heather J. Evans** – Ms. Evans joined Carr in 2003 after several years as a registered lobbyist and Legislative Director with Barrett Associates. From 1997 to 2002 she was a legislative assistant with Assemblyman Edward C. Sullivan, former chair of the Assembly Committee on Higher Education, where she developed and negotiated Mr. Sullivan's legislative agenda, as well as advising on many policy and budget issues.

**Karen K. Dyer**– Ms. Dyer joined Carr Public Affairs in 1996, having previously served as administrative director of P. David Billet Government Affairs, a public affairs and association management company acquired by Carr Public Affairs that year. Karen Dyer has also served previously as account manager and legislative assistant at Capitol Hill Management Services, and was project coordinator for B.J. Smith Associates, a consulting and training firm with numerous projects in education, health and civil service. From 1975 to 1985, she was legislative coordinator for Senator Jay P. Rolison, chair of the N.Y.S. Senate Banks Committee. Ms. Dyer also has prior tenures as executive assistant at the New York State Builders Association, and as legislative clerk for Senator Thomas LaVerne.

**Jennifer A. Littlejohn** - Ms. Littlejohn joined Carr Public Affairs as executive assistant following her service since 2001 as executive assistant to State Senator Byron Brown. Prior to her experience with Senator Brown, Ms. Littlejohn served as senior clerk specialist with the Navy ROTC Unit at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute from 1998 to 2001. Ms. Littlejohn is a 2007 graduate of the Empire State Society of Association Executives (ESSAE)'s "Association Leadership Academy."

As the government relations partner of Hinman Straub P.C., Hinman Straub Advisors LLC is one of New York's largest and most prominent government relations practices. They provide expert assistance representing clients before government decision-makers by creating a strategy tailored to achieve clients' specific objectives, advocating directly to State Assembly and Senate leaders, senior staff and the Executive Branch. In collaboration with more than two dozen Hinman Straub attorneys and other professionals, they represent clients in various federal and state legislative, regulatory and agency forums.