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Lobbyist, Attorney John F. Black Becomes Principal at Hinman Straub

John F. Black, an experienced lobbyist, attorney, pension advisor and public employee negotiator, has joined Hinman Straub P.C. as a Principal in the firm's Albany office. Mr. Black provides legal, legislative and pension advice to the New York State Professional Firefighters Association, New York State AFL-CIO and the Organization of New York State Management/Confidential Employees, as well as to numerous local unions, other public employees associations and individuals. Most recently, Mr. Black served as Of Counsel to Hinman Straub P.C.

Previously, Mr. Black served for more than 14 years as Chief Counsel to the New York State and Local Retirement Systems under State Comptrollers Ned Regan and H. Carl McCall. Mr. Black also served as Legislative Counsel to Comptroller Regan. Following his 27-year tenure at the Office of the State Comptroller, Black worked for the Cable Television and Telecommunications Association of New York, Inc., as Counsel and Vice President for Legal and Regulatory Affairs.

"John Black is a highly respected and successful attorney who brings years of experience and expertise to our firm," said John J. Lynch, President of Hinman Straub. "His strong reputation and deep knowledge are tremendous assets. We're very fortunate to have him on our team."

A town of New Scotland resident, Mr. Black received his J.D. from Albany Law School in 1973 and his undergraduate degree from Alfred University in 1970. Admitted to the New York State Bar and Federal District Court, Northern District of New York, Mr. Black is a member of the New York State Bar Association and NYSBA's Labor and Employment Law Section.

One of the region's largest law and health-care firms, Hinman Straub is located at 121 State Street in Albany. Practice areas include health and insurance law, corporate litigation, public employee union representation, government relations and financial planning including estates and trusts.