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Young/Sommer LLC Highly Ranked in Annual Peer-Review Publications

Environmental Practice Recognized in Three Annual Guides

Albany, NY. September 16, 2009. Four partners in the New York State law firm Young/Sommer LLC have been recognized as leaders in their areas of practice by three annual peer-review publications.

Dean S. Sommer and Kevin M. Young were recognized in the *2009 Chambers USA Guide* for their work in Environmental Law. The firm placed among the top 5 environmental law practices in New York State, and has ranked among the top 10 for seven years. The guide states that clients lauded the firm for “prompt service, quick responses and brilliant knowledge of impending environmental issues.”

Kenneth S. Ritzenberg, Dean S. Sommer and Kevin M. Young were recognized in the *2009 Upstate Edition of New York Super Lawyers*. Super Lawyers magazine names attorneys in each state who received the highest point totals, as chosen by their peers and through the independent research of Law & Politics. Ritzenberg was listed for Education Law, and both Sommer and Young in the practice of Environmental Law.

Douglas H. Ward and Dean S. Sommer were listed in the 2010 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Best Lawyers compiles lists of outstanding attorneys by conducting peer-review surveys in which leading lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers. Both Ward and Sommer were listed in Environmental Law.

Kenneth Ritzenberg maintains an extensive education law practice with a primary focus in special education. He has represented over 20 school districts and hundreds of families in administrative proceedings and in federal court throughout New York State.

Dean Sommer concentrates on the redevelopment of brown-field properties and on the litigation and/or negotiation of environmental and toxic tort matters addressing the release of hazardous substances, hazardous waste, petroleum and solid waste into the environment.

Douglas Ward, a former Assistant Attorney General, has extensive federal and state civil practice experience at both the trial and appellate levels. Ward represents the wind energy industry on regulation and siting issues, and is experienced in environmental cases with air, water, wetlands regulation and the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Kevin Young serves as counsel to over 20 municipalities, numerous manufacturing facilities and developers. He assists clients in achieving their business and municipal objectives while complying with environmental and land use regulations.

About Young/Sommer LLC

Young Sommer Ward Ritzenberg Baker & Moore LLC is a full service New York State law firm concentrating in Environmental, Municipal, Education and Labor law. With offices in Albany and Saratoga Springs, the Young/Sommer legal team is committed to turning over every leaf to get the best possible results for its clients. Information on Young/Sommer can be found at www.youngsommer.com.