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## **JAMES W. ORBAND RE-RELECTED AS MANAGING PARTNER**

The Partners of the law firm of Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP have re-elected James W. Orband to the position of Managing Partner for a new five-year term.

A 1981 graduate (magna cum laude) from Binghamton University, Mr. Orband received his juris doctor degree (cum laude) from Albany Law School of Union University in 1984. Mr. Orband joined Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP in 1984. He became a Partner in 1991 and has served as the Firm's Managing Partner since 1999. His new term will run through 2029.

In addition to the responsibilities required of him as Managing Partner, Mr. Orband maintains an active legal practice, focusing in the areas of Banking and Financial Services, Business and Securities Law, Construction Law, and Estate and Trust Planning and Administration.

A native of New York's Southern Tier, Mr. Orband serves as a Director of Security Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. He is a member of the New York, Pennsylvania and Florida Bar Associations and previously served as Chair of both the New York State Bar Association Business Law Section and its Banking Law Committee. In the community, Mr. Orband serves on the Boards of Directors of Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital, Newman House at Binghamton University, and Broome County Historical Society, as well as Lourdes Hospital Foundation, Binghamton University Foundation and other charitable foundations. He is a frequent lecturer on law office management.

The law firm of Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP was organized in 1901 and has occupied its headquarters offices in the Security Mutual Building in Binghamton, New York since 1905. Mr. Orband is just the fourth Managing Partner in the 123-year history of the Firm, following in the footsteps of predecessors Harvey Hinman (1902-1949), George Hinman (1950-1980) and John Keeler (1981-1998), each of whom provided outstanding vision and leadership during their respective decades at the helm of the Firm.

Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP has grown to employ over 100 attorneys in fourteen locations, with a total staff of over 120 employees. Beyond its base in downtown Binghamton, the Firm also has offices in Albany, Elmira, Endicott, Manhattan, Oneonta, Owego, Syracuse, and White Plains, New York; Scranton and Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania, Boynton Beach, Florida; Saddle Brook, New Jersey; and Concord, New Hampshire. Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP assists clients in all major areas of law. Firm clients include regional, national and international businesses, as well as thousands of individuals and smaller companies. The Firm offers the capabilities of its large firm peers combined with the personal attention of a local firm.

HH&K Partner Larry Anderson observes that “Jim has exceptional abilities as an attorney, CEO and community leader. Our clients, our Firm and our community are well served by Jim’s guidance, support and leadership.”

Dawn Lanouette, Chair of the Firm’s Labor and Employment Law practice group remarks that “The HH&K tradition of providing high quality and effective legal services to our clients continues to grow and flourish under Jim Orband’s steady direction.”

HHK Partner and Chair of the Firm’s Business and Corporate Law practice group Erica Lawson shares that “HH&K continues to grow and advance under Jim’s leadership and his insightful guidance has enabled the firm to embrace technology with a recognition of the highest levels of confidentiality and information security that will bring us into the years and decades to come.”

Upon his re-election, Jim Orband stated, “I appreciate the continued support from all of our HH&K attorneys. I look forward to my sixth term as Managing Partner and will continue to faithfully serve the Firm, our clients and our community in the years ahead.”