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## NEWARK'S GENOVA BURNS EXPANDS

### *NEW FIRM TO BE NAMED GENOVA, BURNS & GIANTOMASI*

**NEWARK, NJ (April 8, 2010)** – Genova Burns announced today that Francis J. Giantomasi, Esq. has joined the firm as a name partner. The new firm name will be Genova, Burns & Giantomasi. Mr. Giantomasi joins the firm with his colleagues from Newark's Giantomasi & Oliveira including long-time partner Michael J. Oliveira, Esq. and associates Gemma M. Giantomasi, Esq. and Anthony F. Belotta, Esq.

With the addition of Mr. Giantomasi and his team, Genova Burns & Giantomasi reinforces its commitment to Newark and its business community, and has solidified its presence among Newark's fastest growing law firms. "Our firm is excited by the addition of Giantomasi & Oliveira to the Genova Burns family," said James M. Burns, managing partner of Genova, Burns & Giantomasi. "Frank Giantomasi brings a dimension and presence to our practice which will surely enhance our standing as an important player in Newark's real estate, business and legal communities. To those who know of Frank's professional competence and standing, his name is synonymous with the City of Newark . . . a place in which we have chosen to make our professional home as a law firm. His Giantomasi & Oliveira colleagues will complement our burgeoning real estate and litigation practice groups, and will add new capabilities to our law firm, including condominium development law."

Mr. Giantomasi has joined the firm as a name partner and will continue his substantial practice in the firm's Business Transactions, Commercial Real Estate, Redevelopment & Environmental Law Practice Groups. He is recognized as a leader in planning and zoning law as well as tax abatement law unique to the City of Newark. Mr. Giantomasi possesses over three decades of experience specializing in real estate acquisitions, sales and development, and complex commercial transactions, involving many of the more notable redevelopment and development projects which have taken place in the City of Newark in recent years. From 2003-2005, Mr. Giantomasi served as Essex County Counsel, overseeing a vast network of legal representation for the county and its sub-agencies. From 1992-2003, Mr. Giantomasi served as Chief Counsel to the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, overseeing its legal staff, a \$500 million operating budget and all County contracts and litigation. In both capacities, Mr. Giantomasi managed and supervised all construction and development on behalf of the County of Essex, including the County's role in the development and construction of Newark's Riverfront Stadium, and the Essex County Jail. Mr. Giantomasi has recently been named as "General Practitioner of the Year 2010" by the Essex County Bar Association.

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Michael Oliveira joins the firm as “Counsel” in the firm’s Business Law & Commercial Transactions, Commercial Real Estate, Redevelopment & Environmental Law Practice Groups. He specializes in land use and commercial transactions and is considered one of the state’s leading attorneys in the area of land use, zoning and planning law. Since 1994, Mr. Oliveira has served as Chief Counsel to the Essex County Sheriff’s Office and for the past 7 years has been a member of the Roseland Planning Board. He is also recognized as an outstanding counsel to banks and lending institutions, handling complex commercial loan needs for various commercial lenders.

Gemma Giantomasi joins the firm as an associate in the Commercial Real Estate, Redevelopment & Environmental Law Practice Group. She focuses her practice on residential real estate acquisitions and sales and represents purchasers, sellers and developers in residential real estate transactions. She is currently working on the formation of the largest condominium development in the history of the City of Newark. She was formerly associated with Shearman and Sterling, a prominent New York law firm.

Anthony Belotta joins the firm as an associate in the Complex Commercial Litigation Practice Group. Mr. Belotta possesses substantial experience having represented varied interests in a diverse array of cases and controversies including matters related to commercial disputes, consumer fraud, employment and construction litigation.

**About Genova, Burns & Giantomasi**

With attorneys admitted to the bar in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and with offices across the tri-state area, Genova, Burns & Giantomasi provides deep expertise across a broad range of practice areas including appellate practice, aviation & aircraft law, business law & commercial transactions, casino & resort development, commercial real estate, redevelopment & environmental law, complex commercial litigation, condominium development law, corporate political activity, education law, employment law & litigation, health & hospital law, labor law, public contract law & bid protest litigation, solid waste & recycling law, white collar criminal defense and corporate internal investigations. The firm also represents clients in diverse administrative regulatory matters. The firm currently maintains offices in Newark, Red Bank, Camden, New York City, and Philadelphia. For more information, please visit [www.genovaburns.com](http://www.genovaburns.com).

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