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## **GENOVA BURNS WELCOMES FORMER CASINO INDUSTRY LEADER AND ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE NICHOLAS R. AMATO, ESQ.**

**NEWARK, NJ (March 4, 2010)** – Genova Burns, a multi-practice regional law firm headquartered in Newark, New Jersey, announced today that Nicholas R. Amato, Esq. has joined the firm.

Mr. Amato brings to the firm a diverse and extensive background in legal, governmental and business affairs spanning over three decades. Mr. Amato has held a variety of public and private positions during his professional career. Most recently he served as Senior Vice-President, General Counsel and Secretary for Resorts International Holdings, LLC and its subsidiaries including Resorts Casino & Hotel and The Atlantic City Hilton Hotel and Casino, Bally's Tunica Hotel and Casino and Resorts Tunica Hotel and Casino, Tunica Mississippi, Resorts Hotel and Casino, East Chicago, Indiana. Previously he served as Senior Vice-President of Development for Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts (THCR). Mr. Amato was appointed by Governor Florio to serve as Executive Director of the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority where he headed one of New Jersey's key agencies whose charge is to redistribute millions of dollars of Atlantic City casino revenues for the betterment of New Jersey's economy and society. Mr. Amato also served as President of the Casino Association of New Jersey and chief public spokesperson and principal advocate for the Atlantic City casino industry.

Prior to his work in the casino industry, Mr. Amato served in elective public office, serving three successive five-year terms as the Essex County Surrogate and was elected Essex County Executive, then the State's largest county, where his service was marked by an increase in county government productivity and record low tax increments.

"Mr. Amato's diverse knowledge and background will be a great addition to our firm and an asset to our clients," said James M. Burns, managing partner and co-founder of Genova Burns. "His experience in the casino industry accompanied by his success in economic development and public-private partnership initiatives will enhance our firm's practice in these areas and provide a sound foundation for our casino law practice."

Before his public service, Mr. Amato was engaged in the private practice of law having founded the firm of Amato, Salerno & Lunga. Mr. Amato also served as the municipal attorney and prosecutor in the Township of Belleville, New Jersey.

Mr. Amato is a graduate of St. Peter's College and received his *Juris Doctor* degree from Seton Hall University School of Law.

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