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**ALFA International, the Global Legal Network, Expands its Presence in the Northeast U.S. with New Member in Syracuse, NY, *Hancock & Estabrook LLP***

(July 22, 2009) –ALFA International is pleased to announce the addition of **Hancock & Estabrook, LLP**, a leading 55-lawyer law firm in Syracuse, New York, to its network of global law firms.

**Hancock & Estabrook, LLP** was founded in 1889 and is one of Upstate New York's leading business law firms. They represent clients across a number of different industries, offering counsel and representation on a wide array of legal topics. **Hancock & Estabrook's** clients range from corporations traded on national stock exchanges to middle-market businesses and entrepreneurs. While the firm's focus is on business clients, they also serve municipalities, individuals and not-for-profit organizations. Partners of the firm have gone on to serve as prominent public officials, including a New York State Commissioner of Taxation, a New York State Attorney General, a United States Congressman and numerous jurists (including a post on the New York Court of Appeals, the highest court in New York).

According to Richard Hetke, CEO of ALFA International, "The addition of this outstanding and historic law firm, **Hancock & Estabrook, LLP**, provides ALFA International with a top-notch general practice member in the heart of New York State. We look forward to their active and meaningful participation."

Richard Cook, the Managing Partner of **Hancock & Estabrook, LLP** stated, “Businesses are active across state and national borders which translates to confronting legal issues and needing legal representation in many different states and countries. We look forward to providing legal services to the clients of our fellow ALFA member law firms as they pursue business opportunities across the Central New York region. ”

### **About ALFA International**

ALFA International, the global legal network, ([www.alfainternational.com](http://www.alfainternational.com)) is an organization of independent law firms. ALFA International’s membership is comprised of 135 international law firms (85 U.S. based firms, 48 non U.S. based firms) employing over 8,500 lawyers and 10,000 other legal professionals. Member firms are located in nearly every U.S. state as well as in Canada, Mexico, across Europe, Latin America, South America, and the Pacific Rim. ALFA International’s basic objective, accomplished through its member firms and their activities, is to improve the quality and efficiency of legal services and to provide those services to clients within a reasonable and value oriented cost formula across jurisdictions around the world.

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