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ALFA International, the Global Legal Network, Elects Michael J. Murphy Chairman

Albany-based Carter Conboy partner to lead network of 145 independent law firms in the United States and over 60 nations

CHICAGO, IL (November 2, 2011) – **ALFA International, the Global Legal Network**, is pleased to announce that Michael J. Murphy has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors. Mr. Murphy, a Partner at ALFA International member firm **Carter Conboy** in Albany, NY (www.carterconboy.com), recently completed a two-year term as Vice Chair of the organization and has previously served on ALFA International's Board of Directors, as well as the Labor & Employment and Insurance Practice Group Steering Committees. The announcement was recently made at ALFA International's annual meeting in Chicago, IL.

Mr. Murphy has an active trial practice in civil rights, employment, professional liability, and commercial litigation. He counsels clients on matters relating to risk management, government investigations, and tries cases in State and Federal Courts throughout upstate New York as well as before the EEOC and New York State Division of Human Rights. He is regularly retained by leaders in business, government, community organizations and the professions to represent their interests in sensitive, high profile litigation and investigations.

"I'm looking forward to working even more closely with ALFA International members to expand our reach and enhance the services we provide to our network of national and international law firms," Mr. Murphy said. "Given the state of the global economy, ALFA's legal network model is more relevant than ever, as it connects businesses with international legal expertise in an efficient, cost-effective manner. During the past few years we have expanded our portfolio of educational initiatives for clients. I'm excited to continue positioning ALFA member firms and clients as knowledge leaders."

According to ALFA International **CEO Dick Hetke**, “Mike’s strong leadership skills and detailed management capabilities will add great value to our complex and ever-growing organization. His dynamic vision will maintain our position at the forefront of the legal industry and ensure our continued ability to meet the business and legal needs of clients around the globe.”

In addition to his involvement with ALFA International, Mr. Murphy is Past President of the Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association. He is also currently a member of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, New York State Bar Association, Defense Research Institute, and Albany County Bar Association. Mr. Murphy is admitted to the bar in New York State, the U.S. District Court for Northern District of New York, the U.S. District Court for Southern District of New York, the U.S. District Court for Western District of New York, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He earned a B.A. from the State

University of New York at Oswego, and a J.D. from the Albany Law School of Union University. He is an active community volunteer and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the SGS Rowing Association, and the St. Madeleine Sophie Parish Administration/Finance Committee.

Carter Conboy serves as ALFA International's exclusive member firm in Albany, NY, and is one of only five member firms in New York State.

About ALFA International: ALFA International is one of the largest global legal networks of independent law firms. ALFA International's membership is comprised of 145 international law firms (85 U.S.-based firms, 60 non-U.S.-based firms) employing over 9,000 lawyers and 10,000 other legal professionals. Member firms are located in nearly every U.S. state as well as in Canada, Mexico, Latin and South America, Southeast Asia, Africa, Australia, the Middle East, 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. For more information please visit www.alfainternational.com.

About Carter Conboy: Founded in 1920, Carter Conboy, with offices located in Albany and Saratoga Springs, New York, serves clients in Northeastern New York. For additional information about the firm, visit www.carterconboy.com or contact the firm's Director of Marketing, Stacy A. Smith, at 518-810-0516 or ssmith@carterconboy.com.