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**Couch White, LLP Names Joseph C. Scala Of Counsel  
Saratoga Springs City Attorney Joins Nationally-Recognized, Full-Service  
Business Law Firm**



(ALBANY, N.Y.) - Couch White, LLP is pleased to announce that, effective June 1, 2011, Joseph C. Scala joins the firm as Of Counsel. The addition of Scala, who joins the firm while serving for more than three years as the City Attorney for the City of Saratoga Springs, expands the firm's existing corporate, municipal, real estate, litigation, and labor and employment practices.

"Mr. Scala is a highly experienced public and private attorney and business development executive," said Robert M. Loughney, Managing Partner at Couch White, LLP. "His experience with land use law coupled with strong corporate and transactional legal skills will bring great value to the services we provide our clients. We are very excited to have him on board."

Scala served as chief attorney for the World Trade Center Captive Insurance program, where he coordinated with Federal, State and NYC governments, WTC contractors and their counsel to establish a private insurance company using \$1 billion in federal funds to insure claims related to the WTC cleanup. More recently, he coordinated with New York State Parks, the Department of Labor and the Attorney General's office to allow construction of a recreation facility in the City. On behalf of his private clients, Joe obtained a WBE certification for a Long Island construction business and negotiated a complex commercial lease in New York City. His experience in working to resolve high-profile issues, along with his expertise in general business matters, will make him a valuable addition to the Firm's corporate practice.

"Couch White has an excellent reputation throughout the Northeast," said Joe. "They are smart lawyers who are uniquely dedicated to superior client service. This relationship will be a great fit for the firm, for me and for our clients."

Couch White will retain use of Mr. Scala's downtown Saratoga Springs office located at 18 Division Street, Suite 301.. Couch White is headquartered in Albany, NY with offices in New York City, Washington, D.C. and Farmington, Connecticut. This move expands the firms relationships with the Saratoga region. Currently, three partners: Melanie J. Lafond, Leonard H. Singer and James S. King were raised, or currently reside, in the area.

A graduate of Western New England College School of Law (J.D., 1984) and LeMoyne College (B.A., English, 1981), Scala is admitted to the New York Bar and Connecticut Bar; and the United States District Court, New York and Connecticut.

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