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## **STERNS & WEINROTH PRESENTS ENVIRONMENTAL INSURANCE SEMINAR**

**November 18, 2005, Trenton, NJ** – The Real Estate Practice Group at Sterns & Weinroth, P.C., presented a seminar on “Environmental Insurance as a Redevelopment Tool,” on November 15 at the Trenton Country Club. Sterns & Weinroth directors Frank J. Petrino and Brian J. Mulligan led the seminar program, which featured Jack Smith, a nationally recognized environmental risk manager, and Christopher Daggett, president of Chadwick Management and former Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. The panel provided an overview of the benefits of environmental insurance policies in developing brownfields sites, including their value in supporting the transfer of environmental liability to third parties and in reducing or transferring potential exposures. More than 25 builders, environmental specialists, bankers and redevelopers attended.

As chair of Sterns & Weinroth’s Real Estate Practice Group, Mr. Petrino focuses his practice on the acquisition, development and financing of real estate. He represents national, regional and local builders and developers before municipal, county, state and federal agencies with respect to the development of fee simple and common interest residential communities and business and industrial parks. He enjoys a statewide reputation in the complex area of New Jersey redevelopment law and has represented numerous clients regarding brownfields sites. Mr. Petrino has extensive litigation experience in cases involving the use, sale and environmental impact of real estate development. He also represents clients in commercial litigation.

Mr. Mulligan represents landowners/developers in all aspects of land development and financing. He frequently presents development applications to zoning and planning boards, and prosecutes zoning challenges at the trial and appellate levels. In addition to his real estate practice, Mr. Mulligan counsels corporate clients on domestic and international business issues and commercial transactions and disputes. He also represents buyers and sellers on the acquisition or disposition of entities.

With offices in Trenton and Princeton, Sterns & Weinroth concentrates in the following areas of law: Administrative/Governmental, Bankruptcy/Creditors’ Rights, Litigation and Real Estate/Transactional. The firm also has one of the largest Gaming practices in the country. For more information, please visit [www.sternslaw.com](http://www.sternslaw.com).

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