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**STERNS & WEINROTH EXPANDS ADR PRACTICE**  
**The Honorable Lawrence Bilder Joins Firm as Of Counsel**

**February 17, 2006, Trenton, NJ** – Sterns & Weinroth, P.C. has expanded its Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) practice with the addition of the Honorable Lawrence Bilder, who has joined the firm as Of Counsel. Judge Bilder is widely recognized for his extensive experience in the practice of Alternative Dispute Resolution, and is approved by the Superior Court of New Jersey as an Arbitrator and Mediator.

For 36 years, Judge Bilder served as Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey, first in the Law Division in Hudson County handling both civil and criminal matters, and later in the Appellate Division. Prior to that, he was a partner at Bilder, Bilder & Kaufman in Newark. Early in his career, Judge Bilder served as Secretary, Executive Assistant, and Counsel to Governor Richard J. Hughes for six years.

“Judge Bilder’s retirement from an illustrious career on the bench came at an opportune time for us and we are very pleased to welcome him to our firm,” said William Bigham, Sterns & Weinroth’s managing director. “While much of our practice is litigation-focused, we recognize that there are times when going to court is not in our clients’ best interests. Judge Bilder’s experience in resolving disputes through mediation and arbitration will benefit our clients who seek to avoid costly and time-consuming litigation.”

Judge Bilder attended the United States Naval Academy and served five years active duty in the Navy while earning a B.S. degree. He remained active with its reserve component until assuming his judicial position, and retired with the rank of Commander. Judge Bilder is a *cum laude* graduate of Harvard University, where he earned an LL.B., and he also holds an LL.M. from the University of Virginia.

He is a member of the American Law Institute and the Justice Marie Garibaldi Inn of Court for Alternative Dispute Resolution.

With offices in Trenton and Princeton, Sterns & Weinroth concentrates its practice 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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