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**ANNETTE I. KAHLER, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR LAW  
& INNOVATION OF ALBANY LAW SCHOOL  
JOINS HESLIN ROTHENBERG FARLEY & MESITI P.C.**

Albany, NY—Heslin Rothenberg Farley & Mesiti P.C. is pleased to announce that Annette I. Kahler, Esq. has become *Of Counsel* to the firm. Ms. Kahler was most recently Director of the Center for Law & Innovation and a Visiting Assistant Professor of Law at Albany Law School in Albany, NY. Her practice will focus on worldwide intellectual property protection, enforcement, and management, technology licensing, university technology transfer, and the intellectual property aspects of business planning and strategy.

While at Albany Law School's Center for Law & Innovation, Ms. Kahler developed and managed projects focused on legal issues in clean and renewable energy technologies, stem cell research, entrepreneurship, innovation in government, technology transfer and intellectual property policy. As a member of the visiting faculty, she taught courses in intellectual property and her research focused on the legal, social and economic aspects of innovation.

Prior to joining Albany Law School, Ms. Kahler spent 15 years in the computer software industry as the Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel of Ascella Technologies in Vienna, VA, and Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Director of Intellectual Property for American Management Systems, Inc. in Fairfax, VA.

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Ms. Kahler is a leading expert and frequent lecturer on women's innovation and women's participation in the field of intellectual property law. She is the chair of a newly-formed special committee of the Intellectual Property Section of the New York State Bar Association to study and advance diversity.

Ms. Kahler is a graduate of the University of Rochester and George Mason University School of Law, and is admitted to practice in New York, Virginia and Washington D.C. Jeff Rothenberg, Esq., the firm's Managing Partner, stated, "Annette's outstanding credentials and reputation in the legal and educational community enhance our firm's ability to effectively serve our University and technology clients."

With 28 attorneys and patent agents Heslin Rothenberg Farley & Mesiti P.C., celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year, is the largest intellectual property law firm in upstate New York dedicated exclusively to representing clients in the protection and commercialization of intellectual property, both domestic and foreign, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets and related litigation and trials. The Albany-based firm has gained national recognition in the area of Intellectual Property Law and was listed among the "Top Patent Firms" and "Top Trademark Firms" in *Intellectual Property Law Today*.

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