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### Darrell W. Harp Joins Goldberg & Connolly As Counsel

Goldberg & Connolly, a leading construction law firm in the New York metropolitan area, is pleased to announce that **Darrell W. Harp**, formerly **General Counsel and Assistant Commissioner for Legal Affairs to the New York State Department of Transportation, (NYS-DOT)** has become **Counsel** to the firm.

Mr. Harp enjoys a national reputation for both leadership and innovation in public highway contracting. His extensive experience in heavy/highway construction will provide Goldberg & Connolly clientele with yet additional and exceptional insights into the “ins and outs” of the New York State DOT and its contracting program.

In announcing Mr. Harp’s affiliation, Henry L. Goldberg, managing partner stated, “ Darrell is a giant in the field of heavy/highway construction law. He literally ‘wrote the book’, having developed and drafted most of the NYS-DOT contract innovations over the last quarter century and, in fact, many of the statutory and regulatory changes as well. He had an indelible impact on the very manner in which the NYS-DOT currently administers its billion dollar capital program. In fact, most of the general conditions, legal specifications, bidding and claim administration policies and procedures of the NYS-DOT today are the direct result of his guidance.”

He has been a champion for and has helped to institutionalize the concept that fairness actually provides a win-win equation for both the NYS-DOT and its contractors. In this regard, he established innovative contracting practices such as “A + B bidding”, “lane rental” and “incentive/disincentive contract procedures. He was instrumental in formulating extensive revisions to Section 100 of the NYS-DOT Standard Construction Specifications. During his long tenure with the State, Mr. Harp participated actively in virtually every major NYS-DOT contract claim dispute.

In private practice, he has served the needs of the public and private contracting communities with regard to contract claims, contract administration and highway/bridge related disputes. He is also regularly called upon by heavy-highway construction trade associations such as the **Construction Industry Council of Westchester and the Hudson Valley** and the **Long Island Contractors Association** on legal and regulatory issues. He recently won the landmark City of Peekskill case on behalf of the CIC by obtaining an injunction preventing the improper regulation of construction vehicles by a local municipality. He is also a leading expert on the NYS-DOT’s overweight vehicle permitting regulations including the “grandfathering” and transference of “divisible weight” permits for construction vehicles.

Throughout his career he has published numerous articles on transportation and heavy-highway construction law related matters, many of which will soon be available on Goldberg & Connolly's website at [www.goldbergconnolly.com](http://www.goldbergconnolly.com).

***Career highlights:***

- General Counsel to the New York State Department of Transportation managing 34 legal and engineering staff (1971-1995)
- Counsel to the Commissioner of Transportation on regulatory matters ( 1971-1995)
- Chairman of the Contract Review Unit which determined contractor responsibility and questions concerning bidding situations over NYS DOT's one billion dollar Capital Construction Program (1986-1995)
- Member of Transportation Research Board Panel on Managing Transit Construction Contract Claims. (1995-1997)
- Leader of the Team that received the Public Employees Roundtable Public Service Excellence Award in the State Category for development of the A+B and Lane Rental Bidding Process.(1996).
- Recipient of the John K. Mladinov Award for outstanding service to the New York State Department of Transportation (1995)
- Chairman of the New York State Governor's Permanent Advisory Committee on Truck Weights (1988-1993)
- Member of Transportation Research Board Task Force on Innovative Contracting Practices A2T51

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