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## **MOSES & SINGER ATTORNEY EARNS GREEN BUILDING CERTIFICATION**

**NEW YORK, January 21, 2009** – **Moses & Singer**, a New York-based, full service law firm, announced today that **Richard J. Sobelsohn**, an associate in the firm’s Real Estate practice, has earned accreditation from the U.S. Green Building Council as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED® AP). The LEED® Green Building Rating System™ is the globally accepted rating and certification program for design, construction, operation, and maintenance of green buildings.

To become a LEED® AP one must demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the LEED rating system, a requirement for green and sustainable building projects. Jay Fialkoff, the firm’s managing partner, stated, “Moses & Singer is committed to finding new ways to better serve our clients. Richard’s LEED credentials means he can simplify and expedite a client’s project for LEED or other green building certification as well as offer traditional real estate advice.”

The Green City Buildings Act now requires many of New York City’s new municipal buildings—including additions and renovations to existing municipal buildings—to obtain high standards of sustainability as green buildings. Numerous states and municipalities and a number of federal agencies require or offer valuable incentives for buildings to earn and maintain high LEED ratings. “The green trend is taking hold from the highest places,” said Richard Sobelsohn, citing President Obama’s plan to green the White House and to create a Green Job Revolution.

As one of only eight New York City lawyers listed on the LEED Accredited Professionals Directory, Richard can guide developers, building owners/managers, architects, engineers, designers and others through the LEED compliance process. Richard added, “Many municipalities have or will make green buildings a requirement for new construction. With a LEED AP attorney on the team, clients have access to counsel who understands the intricacies involved in sustainable development and they can also earn one point toward LEED certification.”

Richard J. Sobelsohn represents developers, corporations, financial institutions and individuals concerning an array of commercial real estate transactions in connection with sustainable development, acquisitions, dispositions, financing, condominium offerings and leasing.

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