

Two Media Industry Litigators Join Greenberg Traurig's Albany Office

Albany, NY – May 26, 2010 - Greenberg Traurig LLP announced that two attorneys who represent media clients joined the firm's Litigation Practice in its Albany office. Michael J. Grygiel joins as Shareholder and William Hurst joins as Of Counsel.

For more than two decades, Grygiel has defended media clients from newsgathering - and publication-related claims, including defamation, copyright infringement and invasion of privacy matters. He has served as lead counsel for news organizations in high profile, bet-the-company litigation, and has defended reporter's subpoenas in several state jurisdictions. The current Chair of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Media Law, he also is experienced in representing the press in applications for access to civil and criminal court proceedings and records, and in freedom of information law cases in both federal and state courts. Grygiel has been at the forefront of litigating new media and digital rights management issues, and has also represented the legal interests of bloggers.

Prior to Grygiel's career in private practice, he was the Director of the Arthur Levitt Public Policy Center at Hamilton College, where he taught First Amendment and constitutional law.

"We are pleased to welcome Michael and William to our team as we continue to grow the Albany office by adding attorneys who can best serve our clients here in New York and throughout the country," said Harold Iselin, Greenberg Traurig's Managing Shareholder in Albany.

"It's a great opportunity to join a firm that has both a top litigation and media practice, as well as a highly respected office in Albany. I look forward to taking advantage of the firm's national platform, particularly in the New York City and Boston markets, so that I can best serve clients," said Grygiel.

Hurst represents media clients in cases involving access to judicial proceedings and records and other public access matters, and manages the response and opposition to reporter's and newspaper subpoenas issued in criminal and civil cases and arbitral tribunals across the country. He also defends a wide variety of clients against defamation, invasion of privacy and other newsgathering and publication-related claims. His expertise further extends to the prosecution and defense of products disparagement, false advertising, copyright infringement and unfair business practices claims, including motions for preliminary and other injunctive relief.

"Michael and William have been at the leading edge of the changing media landscape. Their litigation experience and broad knowledge of media law will provide clients with comprehensive, thorough service," said Alan Mansfield, Chair of the New York Litigation Practice and a Shareholder in the firm's New York City office.

Grygiel earned his B.A. from Hamilton College and his J.D. from Temple University School of Law. Hurst earned his B.A. from the State University of New York College at New Paltz and his J.D. from Albany Law School of Union University.

With a team of more than 500 litigators, Greenberg Traurig's Litigation Practice offers firsthand experience and wide-ranging resources to protect clients' interests in virtually every area of litigation. Greenberg Traurig's trial lawyers regularly appear in state and federal courts throughout the country, as well as in appellate courts and before international arbitration panels.

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