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**Robert V. Guido Appointed to the Advisory Board
of Sterling National Bank**

Robert V. Guido, partner in the Real Estate Practice Group, has been appointed to the Advisory Board of Sterling National Bank. Founded in 1929, Sterling provides a wide range of products and services, including commercial lending, asset-based financing, factoring/accounts receivable management, international trade financing, commercial and residential mortgage lending, equipment leasing, trust and estate administration and investment management services. Sterling has operations in the metropolitan New York area, North Carolina and many mid-Atlantic states and conducts business throughout the United States.

Mr. Guido's appointment was effective as of March 1, 2005.

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