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**Miriam E. Villani of Farrell Fritz Appointed Chair of
Environmental Law Section of NYS Bar Association**

Miriam E. Villani, counsel in the Environmental Practice Group of Farrell Fritz, P.C., has been appointed to serve as chair of the Environmental Law Section of the New York State Bar Association.

The section brings together members of the association who seek to further an effective and fair legal framework for protecting the human and natural environment. It also educates the bar and the public about environmental law, policy and administration, initiates and promotes environmental law reform, and opposes changes in environmental laws and administration deemed not in the public interest.

Ms. Villani brings an impressive resume in environmental law to her new role. Among her achievements prior to joining Farrell Fritz, Ms. Villani managed complex environmental insurance litigation at Pfizer Inc. and served as an Assistant Regional Counsel for the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

At Farrell Fritz, Ms. Villani offers an exceptional level of expertise in environmental issues to benefit the firm's clients, according to Managing Partner Charles M. Strain. "Our clients face an increasingly broad and complex range of compliance issues with regard to New York State Environmental Conservation Law and various federal environmental laws," he said. "These include hazardous and solid waste treatment, storage and disposal, issues that arise under the state Brownfields Cleanup program, soil vapor intrusion, clean air and global warming, underground storage tanks, petroleum spills, hospital and medical waste,

wetlands and numerous others.”

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