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**FIRST COLUMBIA WELCOMES NEW CIVIL LITIGATION PRACTICE  
TO CENTURY HILL PLAZA:**

LATHAM (March 1, 2010) — Commercial real estate development and investment company First Columbia announces that Tebano & Associates, PLLC has signed a multi-year lease at 26 Century Hill Drive in Latham.

The recently formed law firm, which will occupy 1,900-square-foot of office space in the 45,000-square-foot building, focuses on family and matrimonial law, civil litigation, real estate transactions, and federal/state employment law. The firm is run by Founding Principal Maria C. Tebano, Esq.

“We are delighted to welcome Tebano & Associates, PLLC to Century Hill Plaza. The law firm will complete the array of professional law firms already established at Century Hill, including Randy & Fritz, Anderson Moshetti & Taffany, and Schmeiser Olsen & Watts,” said First Columbia President Kevin Bette.

“Moving into Century Hill Plaza is one of the best decisions I ever made both personally and professionally,” added Tebano, who previously served as a principal at another Albany area law firm. “It is centrally located, so that I can easily travel between the Albany, Saratoga, Rensselaer and Schenectady County Courts and its convenient location helps facilitate interactions with my clients.”

Tebano, who is fluent in Italian and holds her law degree from St. Thomas University School of Law and a master of laws in taxation from the University of Miami School of Law, brings 17 years of civil litigation experience to the new business. She is admitted to practice in all courts in the states of New York, New Jersey, North Carolina and Florida, as well as before the Northern District of New York, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit and the U.S. Tax Court.

Since opening its doors in 2000, Century Hill Plaza has become one of the region’s most sought-after class “A” suburban office complexes. Today, the 40-acre site includes anchor tenants such as BlueShield of Northeastern New York, Time Warner Cable, JLT Services, ING, New York Life, Bank of America, and the New York State School Boards Association. First Columbia continues to expand Century Hill Plaza with the latest addition to the park, 14 Plaza Drive — a 55,000-square-foot professional office building.

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