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Shulman Rogers to Assist Transition to New FCC Regulations

Website to Provide Educational Tools to Governments, State and Local Public Safety Systems

POTOMAC, Md. – March 10, 2010 – The law firm of Shulman Rogers Gandal Pordy & Ecker, P.A. today announced the launch of its website, <u>www.narrowbandinglaw.com</u>, that will assist local municipalities, emergency communication organizations and other land mobile users to better understand and comply with the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) narrowbanding initiative. The site is geared toward providing a comprehensive, objective educational tool with which users can prepare themselves for the upcoming deadlines.

"I have witnessed numerous presentations where industry members have inadvertently given out inaccurate narrowbanding information," said Alan S. Tilles, Chairman of the Shulman Rogers Telecommunications Department. "We felt the need to address the rampant misinformation on a global basis especially since users cannot wait until the last minute to come into compliance with the 2013 deadline. It will require a significant amount of preparation now."

Narrowbanding is the FCC's requirement of private land mobile radio (LMR) systems—including municipal government and State and local public safety systems -- to change the amount of radio bandwidth of their communications by January 1, 2013. This mandatory program will require that a significant amount of radio equipment be replaced or modified to meet the FCC's new rules. In addition, the FCC regulations will reduce the availability of new equipment for legacy radio systems and will affect how agencies maintain and upgrade older systems.

The new rules impact every Part 90 private land mobile radio user in the VHF (150-174 MHz) and UHF (420-512 MHz) bands.

With sponsorship from diverse organizations directly involved with radio communications including; Motorola, Icom, The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), PCIA, Blue Wing Consulting, Trott Consulting Group, Pericle Communications, Tusa Consulting, Urgent Communications and IWCE, the site is intended to present unbiased information for users. It is intended that the site will be updated on a regular basis, as the FCC clarifies certain aspects of the initiative or as the situation warrants.



Shulman Rogers represents hundreds of land mobile radio users, public safety agencies, manufacturers and trade associations nationwide. The Firm has been an active participant in the FCC's narrowbanding proceeding since its inception.

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Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker, PA is one of the largest, most respected law firms in the Washington Metropolitan area. Founded in 1972, the firm and its highly-skilled attorneys and staff are committed to client service, a relentless focus on problem solving and an underlying compassion for its clients and community. The firm has a general practice with experience ranging from corporate law, to real estate, to litigation to estate planning and family law. Additional information on Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker and its practice areas is available at <u>www.shulmanrogers.com/firm</u>.

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