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## **CONNER STRONG NAMES PHYLLIS SARACENI SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PRACTICE LEADER**

**MARLTON, NJ**, (February 2 , 2010) – Conner Strong, the nation’s 33rd largest insurance brokerage, today announced that Phyllis Saraceni, Esquire, has been named Senior Vice President, Employee Benefits Compliance and Audit Practice Leader for the firm’s Health and Welfare department.

Saraceni brings more than 20 years of professional experience to Conner Strong. In this role, she will be responsible for supporting customers and the firm’s benefits consulting staff on a day to day basis, preparing legal and regulatory updates and communication, interpreting emerging laws and regulations related to benefits and managing the firm’s benefits audit function.

“Phyllis is an excellent addition to our team. Her expertise in health and welfare plan compliance as well as her experience with legal and regulatory issues will be a tremendous asset to clients as well as colleagues,” said Joseph DiBella, Executive Vice President in charge of Employee Benefits Consulting for Conner Strong. “By bringing Phyllis on board, we’re further positioned to provide our clients with the additional regulatory support necessary in these ever changing times.”

Prior to Conner Strong, Phyllis was a Principal for Mercer Health and Benefits for nearly 12 years where she supported clients and internal staff in various functions related to health and welfare compliance and legal matters. Previous to Mercer, Saraceni held positions at various law firms specializing in ERISA and benefits law.

Saraceni earned a Juris Doctorate from the Temple School of Law and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing from West Chester University. She also earned an Employee Benefits Certificate from the Institute for Employee Benefits Training.

### **About Conner Strong**

Conner Strong is a leading insurance, risk management and employee benefits brokerage and consulting firm. Through proprietary approaches, the firm offers customized programs designed to align with organizational goals and drive bottom-line growth.

Founded in 1959 and headquartered in New Jersey, Conner Strong ranks among the largest insurance brokerages in the country. Each year, the company places more than \$1 billion in premium volume and has a team of nearly 300 professionals, serving clients throughout the United States and abroad.

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