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Local Attorney Named 2010 United Way Fund Drive Chair

(Vestal, NY)— David L. Niefer, Esq., of the law firm of Gitto and Niefer, L.L.P., has been named Chair of the 2010 United Way of Broome County Campaign, the organization's annual fund drive.

Niefer was Associate Chair of the 2009 United Way fund drive and has held a number of other positions associated with the campaign. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in political science at George Washington University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree at Syracuse University. He was admitted to the New York State Bar Association in 1995.

A practicing attorney with Levene, Gouldin & Thompson, L.L.P., from 1995 to 2008, moving up from Associate Attorney to the position of Partner in 2000, Niefer left to help form the law firm of Gitto & Niefer, L.L.P. His practice at both firms has focused on representing employers in workers' compensation claims, from the discovery phase through trial of claims.

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The other volunteers who will serve as leaders on the Campaign Cabinet also have been announced. William Fierle of Emerson Network Power, is serving as the Associate Chair. The Vice Chairs are: Oliver N. Blaise III, Esq., Coughlin & Gerhart, L.L.P.; David J. Culbertson, National Pipe and Plastics; Cynthia Smith Gordineer, American Red Cross, Southern Tier Chapter; David Gouldin, Esq., Levene, Gouldin & Thompson, L.L.P.; Deborah Gouldin, community volunteer; Michael Klein, Broome County government; and C. Michael Mercincavage, Binghamton University.

Division chairs include Mark Barnes, J.C. Penney; Allen Buyck, Broome-Tioga BOCES; Brian R. DeBoyace, Tioga State Bank; Gina Denniston, M&T Bank; Jeffrey M. Jacobs, Esq., Coughlin & Gerhart, L.L.P.; Rich Knight, community volunteer; David Kwiatowski, M.D., United Medical Associates; Keith Leahey, Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier; Michael Marinaccio, Supervisor, Town of Dickinson; Ryan M. Mead, Esq., Hinman Howard & Kattell, L.L.P.; Judith A. Spencer, United Health Services; Doug Titus, Broome-Tioga BOCES; and LoriAnne Welch, M&T Bank.

Leahey also will represent United Way partner agencies on the Campaign Cabinet. Jeffrey Shafer, D.V.M., Vestal Veterinary Hospital, will represent United Way's Community Services Division, which is responsible for the allocation of the funds raised during the Campaign. Mary Ann Wilcox, United Way President, is an ex-officio member of the Campaign Cabinet.

The 2010 United Way Campaign will begin in mid-September and continue through early November. Funds raised in the Campaign will be distributed in 2011.

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