Olshan Represents Alleghany Corporation in Financing of Article One Partners

NEW YORK, March 5, 2012 -- Olshan represented Alleghany Corporation (NYSE: Y) ("Alleghany") in a \$7 million round of institutional financing of <u>Article One Partners</u>, the world's largest patent research community ("AOP").

Under the terms of the financing, Alleghany Capital Corporation, a subsidiary of Alleghany ("Alleghany Capital"), paid \$7 million in exchange for units of membership interest of AOP. This is the second round of institutional financing of AOP by Alleghany Capital, which completed a \$5 million round in the third quarter of 2010.

Alleghany is engaged in the ownership and management of operating subsidiaries and investments, anchored by a core position in property and casualty insurance. Alleghany has agreed to acquire reinsurer Transatlantic Holdings, Inc. for \$3.4 billion.

The Olshan team that represented Alleghany on this transaction was led by Corporate partner <u>Kenneth M. Silverman</u>, and included Tax partner <u>Nina Krauthamer</u> and Corporate associate <u>Kenneth S. Mantel</u>.

Sidley Austin LLP represented AOP on this transaction.

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