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**JONATHAN COOPER NAMED AS NEW BOARD MEMBER
TO THE ALLIANCE FOR THE GREAT LAKES**

Cleveland, Ohio (December 8, 2008) – Jonathan Cooper, a partner with Tucker Ellis & West LLP, was recently elected as a board member to the Alliance for the Great Lakes. The Alliance works to conserve and restore the world's largest freshwater resource through policy, education and local efforts aimed at preserving the Great Lakes region as a national treasure.

Mr. Cooper is also actively involved in the Alliance's "Adopt-a-Beach" program, which consists of businesses and community members adopting beaches and shoreline areas in their local community to conduct litter removal and water quality testing and monitoring. He coordinates volunteer efforts in his community and throughout the firm. Jonathan's love for the shore extends to his lakeside home.

Jonathan is a trial lawyer whose practice focuses on the defense of product manufacturers including the national and regional defense of manufacturers of material handling, automation, and electrical products. He is a member of the Defense Research Institute, the International Association of Defense Counsel, the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys, and a member of the Cleveland State Law Review.

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