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Mr. Cotter has focused his legal experience in the areas of environmental regulation and Brownfields redevelopment. He previously worked with the Utica Brownfield Revitalization Corporation, a non-profit community based organization, to help prepare a grant application for the City of Utica's \$450,000 Brownfield Opportunity Areas award.

While with Synapse, Mr. Cotter has provided property transaction support on a number of different Brownfield properties, working with clients to facilitate investment in environmentally impaired property portfolios. He has also worked with Synapse Services to implement a multi-state insurance licensure program and leads regulatory compliance projects for that entity.

He has previously worked with both the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in the Environmental Enforcement Division and the Attorney General's Office in the Environmental Protection Bureau, focusing on solid waste regulation, litigation support, and environmental bankruptcy issues.

Mr. Cotter recently authored a seminar paper on Brownfields redevelopment, in which he discusses New York's new Brownfields Law and the Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program. The paper analyzes previous environmental regulatory regimes and compares them to more recent legislation that drives revitalization from a local community perspective.

Mr. Cotter graduated with honors from Lafayette College in 2002, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. He received his Juris Doctorate from Albany Law School in the spring of 2005 and was admitted to the New York bar in January 2006.

