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## Simon Konover's Elizabeth Judd Among Connecticut's Women of FIRE

West Hartford, CT – October 3, 2011 – Elizabeth Judd, President of Konover Commercial Corporation, was one of ten distinguished professionals honored with The Commercial Record's first annual Women of FIRE award.

The Women of FIRE award recognizes successful women in the Finance, Insurance and Real Estate sectors who have worked to enrich or advance their profession. Ms. Judd was honored at a luncheon on September 28, 2011 held at The Hartford Club.

"Beth has proven herself to be a dedicated and focused leader within our organization and the real estate profession," said Jane Coppa, Chief Executive Officer of The Simon Konover Company. "We are so pleased that Beth's industry contributions have been recognized by her peers."

As president of Konover Commercial Corporation, Ms. Judd oversees a portfolio of more than 3 million square feet. She had been instrumental in the growth of Konover Commercial's asset management business. Prior to joining Konover in 2000, Ms. Judd developed and had direct oversight for all of Cushman & Wakefield's third-party fee management commercial real estate business in Greater Hartford. As a former manager at Koll Real Estate Services (subsequently purchased by CB Richard Ellis), Ms. Judd was responsible for opening their Connecticut office and growing its portfolio to over 2 million square feet of third-party asset and property management.

"Beth's success is due in part to her strong relationships with her staff, clients and peers," according to James Wakim, President and Chief Operating Officer of The Simon Konover Company. "She is giving of her time and expertise and is committed to advancing the industry through advocacy and mentorship. She is a role model for all of us."

Ms. Judd is a Past President of the Real Estate Finance Association, an organization of over 600 commercial real estate professionals. She has been the President of The Real Estate Exchange and previously served on the Board of Directors of CREW Network. Ms. Judd received her A.B. from Georgetown University and her Real Property Administrator designation from BOMI

(Building Owners and Managers Institute). She holds real estate broker licenses in Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New York. Ms. Judd resides in Chester, Connecticut.

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The Simon Konover Company cumulatively employs over 600 people through its operating companies and affiliates including Konover Commercial Corporation, Konover Hotel Corporation, Konover Residential Corporation, Simon Konover Development Corporation, SIKON Construction Services, LLC, and Konover South, LLC. The Simon Konover Company and its affiliates own and manage over 5,500 apartment units, 3.0 million square feet of office and industrial space, 5.5 million square feet of retail space, 18 hotels and specialty properties.