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### **Simon Konover Company Prominent at the 2011 TOBY Awards**

Hartford, CT – November 17, 2011 – The BOMA Greater Hartford Chapter held its 2011 TOBY Awards Dinner on Thursday, November 17, 2011. One Century Tower, a condominium owned by a Simon Konover related entity and Wiggin and Dana LLP, was recognized as the Office Building of the Year (TOBY) in its class. In addition, The Simon Konover Company's Linda Pizzella was recognized as BOMA Member of the Year.

#### **Linda Pizzella, BOMA Member of the Year**



Linda Pizzella, Property Manager for Konover Commercial Corporation, was honored at the event as the BOMA Member of the Year. Linda was recognized for her service as Treasurer of the Greater Hartford Chapter for the past seven years.

“Linda is a dedicated member of the BOMA organization and her commitment to the real estate profession is evident in her service over the past several years,” said Elizabeth Judd, President of Konover Commercial Corporation. “We are so pleased that Linda’s contributions have been recognized by her peers.”

As Property Manager for Konover Commercial Corporation, Linda manages a portfolio of over 250,000 square feet of commercial properties located throughout Greater Hartford. Prior to joining Konover Commercial, Linda worked as a Real Estate Manager for CB Richard Ellis Asset Services, State Market Hartford, LLC and Harbor Group Management Company. She resides in Wethersfield, Connecticut.



#### **One Century Tower, The Office Building of the Year**

One Century Tower, located at 265 Church Street in New Haven, was the TOBY Award winner in the 100,000-250,000 square foot category. According to BOMA, The Office Building of the Year "TOBY" Award is “the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the commercial real estate industry recognizing excellence in building management, operational efficiency, tenant retention, emergency planning and community impact.”

A condominium owned by a Simon Konover related entity and Wiggin and Dana LLP, the 19-story office tower was originally designed by world-renowned architect Cesar Pelli. Konover Commercial Corporation is the property manager and leasing agent for Class A office space.

“The award recognizes the hard work and dedication on the part of Konover Commercial, its management and staff,” according to James Wakim, President and Chief Operating Officer of The Simon Konover Company. “To achieve recognition for operational and management efficiency in a challenging real estate market demonstrates a superior level of service and innovation.”

Started over 50 years ago, The Simon Konover Company is a fully integrated real estate organization nationally-recognized as one of the premier real estate entities operating throughout the Midwest and Eastern United States. Konover Commercial Corporation is a division of The Simon Konover Company.

Headquartered in West Hartford, Connecticut, The Simon Konover Company cumulatively employs over 600 people through its operating companies 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 related-entities own and manage over 9,800 apartment units, 2.5 million square feet of office and industrial space, 2.8 million square feet of retail space, and 19 hotels. For more information, visit [www.simonkonover.com](http://www.simonkonover.com).

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