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### **Eighth Annual Awards for Excellence in *Pro Bono* and Public Interest Service**

CHICAGO – Karen J. Mathis, President of the American Bar Association, will be the keynote speaker at an April 20, 2007, awards ceremony sponsored by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the Chicago chapter of the Federal Bar Association. In anticipation of Friday's event, Chief Judge James F. Holderman stated, "The Northern District has long benefitted from the dedication and commitment of both appointed and volunteer attorneys, and we judges look forward to recognizing the outstanding services that this year's award winners have provided to their clients, the public, and our Court. We are pleased that ABA President Karen Mathis will be joining us as we recognize the importance of *pro bono* and public interest service to our system of justice."

Ms. Mathis, a partner in the Denver office of McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP, has served as President of the ABA since August 2006. She earned her law degree from the University of Colorado School of Law in 1975 and her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Denver in 1972, cum laude. Ms. Mathis has received honorary degrees from Siena College, the University of Denver, Michigan State University College of Law and Southwestern Law School, and an honorary Order of the Coif from the University of Colorado. A member of the Colorado and International Women's Forums, she has been honored as an outstanding lawyer by the Denver and Colorado Bar Associations, the University of Colorado and the University of Albany School of Law.

An active member of the ABA for almost 30 years, Ms. Mathis served as the association's second highest elected officer, chair of its House of Delegates, from August 2000 until August 2002. She is the third woman to serve as an ABA president, and the first president from Colorado. She has served as a member of the House of Delegates since 1982. Ms. Mathis is also a member of the ABA Board of Governors, and has served on its Executive Committee, Operations Committee and Program and Planning Committee.

The eighth annual “Awards for Excellence in *Pro Bono* and Public Interest Service” is scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m., Friday, April 20, 2007, in the James Benton Parsons Memorial Courtroom (2525) of the Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse at 219 South Dearborn Street in Chicago, Illinois. The program is open to all attorneys and those interested in *pro bono* and public interest law, and is free of charge.

Nine awards and one special recognition will be presented to area attorneys for their contributions in helping those most in need of assistance through *pro bono* and public interest work before the District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Award winners include: **Lisa R. Kane**, of Lisa Kane & Associates, PC (presented by the Honorable Robert W. Gettleman), **Daniel J. Fumagalli**, of Chuhak & Tecson, PC (presented by the Honorable John W. Darrah), **Andrew R. Greene**, previously of Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal, LLP (presented by the Honorable Samuel Der-Yeghiayan and the Honorable Sidney I. Schenkier), **Michael D. Lake**, of Factor & Lake, Ltd. (presented by the Honorable John W. Darrah), **Gareth G. Morris**, of Gareth Morris Law Office (presented by the Honorable Joan Humphrey Lefkow), **John D. Lien, Amy P. Purcell and Andrea K. Zollett**, of Foley & Lardner, LLP (presented by the Honorable James B. Zagel), **Laurie Wardell**, of the Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc. (presented by the Honorable James F. Holderman), **Aimee B. Anderson**, of Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon LLP (presented by the Honorable Morton Denlow), **Miller, Shakman & Beem, LLP** (presented by the Honorable Elaine E. Bucklo), and **Patrick A. Clisham**, of Shaw, Gussis, Fishman, Glantz, Wolfson & Towbin, LLC **and Joseph U. Schorer**, of Kirkland & Ellis, LLP (presented by the Honorable A. Benjamin Goldgar).

The awards program will also feature written comments and introductions by Chief Judge James F. Holderman and Joel R. Skinner, President of the Chicago chapter of the Federal Bar Association.