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Defense Counsel of Rhode Island Receives National Organization's Outstanding State Association Award

PROVIDENCE, RI – Defense Counsel of Rhode Island (DCRI) was the recipient of this year's Rudolph A. Janata Award which Defense Research Institute (DRI), the national association of the civil defense bar, presents annually "to an outstanding state or local defense bar association that has undertaken an innovative or unique program contributing to the goals and objectives of the organized defense bar." The award was presented at the DRI Annual Meeting in Chicago at the Awards Luncheon on October 8, 2009 by DRI immediate past president Marc E. Williams. Accepting the award were DCRI past president James T. Murphy and executive director Michael B. Isaacs.

DRI noted the growth that Defense Counsel of Rhode Island has achieved and the association's ongoing activities that include CLE courses, government relations, an amicus brief program, an annual meeting, holiday food drives, newsletters and other communications with the membership.

DCRI president Robert J. Quigley Jr. and executive director Michael B. Isaacs express their thanks to all the DCRI officers, directors and members who have contributed to the growth and success of the organization. They also thank the DRI officers and staff, and other state organizations, for their support and assistance.

Defense Counsel of Rhode Island is the state association of lawyers whose practice primarily involves representing defendants in civil cases. Members of DCRI include lawyers engaged in private practice, corporate counsel and insurance company counsel. DCRI provides educational and support services for its members. DCRI also serves as an advocate for its members on legislative issues that impact the defense bar and the judicial system.