

# DEFENSE COUNSEL OF RHODE ISLAND

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Defense Counsel of Rhode Island Elects Officers and Directors at Annual Meeting**

PROVIDENCE, RI – Defense Counsel of Rhode Island held its Annual Meeting on June 22, 2005 at The University Club in Providence, Rhode Island. Approximately 50 people attended. The reception at the meeting was hosted by Capitol Court Reporting.

Speaking at the meeting were Rhode Island Supreme Court Chief Justice Frank J. Williams, Workers' Compensation Court Chief Judge George E. Healy, Jr. and Jeffrey M. Grybowski, the Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff.

Outgoing president Michael D. Lynch was recognized for the accomplishments of his term by DCRI and by DRI, the national association of civil defense attorneys. As the immediate past president, Mr. Lynch will remain on the board.

The officers and directors elected for 2005 - 2006 are:

President	Stephen B. Lang of Higgins, Cavanagh & Cooney, LLP
President-Elect:	Michael J. Reed, Jr. of the Law Offices of Michael J. Reed, Jr.
Vice President:	Robert J. Quigley, Jr. of McKenney, Jeffrey & Quigley
Secretary:	Brooks R. Magratten of Vetter & White, who is also DRI State Representative
Treasurer:	Amy Beretta of the Law Offices of Amy Beretta
Directors:	John M. Boland of Reynolds, DeMarco & Boland, Ltd. Thomas M. Bruzzese of Bruzzese Law Group, Inc. Joel K. Gerstenblatt of Wolpert & Gerstenblatt Kelly N. Michels of Hanson Curran LLP Patricia K. Rocha of Adler Pollock & Sheehan, P.C. William F. White of White, Carlin & Kelly, P.C.

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Continuing on the board of directors are:

Michael D. Lynch of the Law Office of Michael D. Lynch  
Thomas Lyons of Strauss, Factor, Laing & Lyons  
Rebecca McSweeney of Legal Management Services

Defense Counsel of Rhode Island is the state association of defense lawyers who handle civil cases. Members include lawyers in private practice and corporate and insurance company counsel. DCRI provides educational and support services for its members and is an advocate for tort reform and improvements in the judicial system.