

DEFENSE COUNSEL OF RHODE ISLAND

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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 14, 2006 at The University Club in Providence, Rhode Island. Approximately 50 people attended. The reception at the meeting was sponsored by Capitol Court Reporting and promotional assistance was provided by WarRoom Document Solutions.

Outgoing president Stephen B. Lang was recognized for the accomplishments of his term by DCRI and by DRI, the national association of civil defense attorneys. A plaque was presented to Mr. Lang by R. Matthew Cairns, the DRI Regional Director. As the immediate past president, Mr. Lang will remain on the board.

The officers and directors elected for 2006 - 2007 are:

President	Michael J. Reed, Jr. of the Law Offices of Michael J. Reed, Jr.
President-Elect:	Robert J. Quigley, Jr. of McKenney, Jeffrey & Quigley
Vice President:	Brooks R. Magratten of Vetter & White, who is also DRI State Representative
Secretary:	Rebecca McSweeney of Jackson Lewis LLP
Treasurer:	Amy Beretta of the Law Offices of Amy Beretta
Directors:	Faith A. LaSalle of the Law Offices of Faith A. LaSalle Rajaram Suryanarayan of Gunning & LaFazia

Continuing on the board of directors are:

John M. Boland of Reynolds, DeMarco & Boland, Ltd.
Thomas M. Bruzzese of Bruzzese Law Group, Inc.
Joel K. Gerstenblatt of Gerstenblatt Law Offices, Ltd.
Stephen B. Lang of Higgins, Cavanagh & Cooney, LLP

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