

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 20, 2007 at The Aurora Club in Providence, Rhode Island. Approximately 50 people attended. A reception was sponsored by Capitol Court Reporting and promotional assistance was provided by WarRoom Document Solutions.

The officers of the association were re-elected for second terms. R. Matthew Cairns, the DRI Northeast Regional Director, spoke at the meeting and commended the DCRI leadership for the accomplishments of the past year. Also, the bylaws of the organization were amended to expand the membership to include in-house counsel who supervise defense litigation.

The officers and directors elected for 2007 - 2008 are:

President	Michael J. Reed, Jr. of the Law Offices of Michael J. Reed, Jr.
President-Elect:	Robert J. Quigley, Jr. of McKenney, Quigley, Izzo & Clarkin
Vice President:	Brooks R. Magratten of Vetter & White, who is also DRI State Representative
Secretary:	Rebecca McSweeney of Jackson Lewis LLP
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Directors:	Joel K. Gerstenblatt of Gerstenblatt Law Offices, Ltd Howard A. Merten of Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP Kelly N. Michels of Hanson Curran LLP James V. Murray of the Law Offices of James V. Murray 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:

Stephen B. Lang of Higgins, Cavanagh & Cooney, LLP
Faith A. LaSalle of the Law Offices of Faith A. LaSalle
Rajaram Suryanarayan of Gunning & LaFazia

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