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Defense Counsel of Rhode Island Annual Meeting Distinguished Attorneys Honored Officers & Directors Elected

PROVIDENCE, RI – Defense Counsel of Rhode Island held its Annual Meeting on June 24, 2009 at The University Club in Providence, Rhode Island. Three attorneys – John F. Dolan, Joseph A. Kelly and Raymond A. LaFazia - were honored for their long and outstanding service and dedication to the defense bar.

In making the presentations, DCRI President Robert J. Quigley, Jr. said, “The three attorneys honored today have different styles, personalities and approaches to trying a case. However, each in his own way has been a mentor for younger attorneys. Each through his character, civility and competency is an exemplary attorney for the defense bar and our profession in general.”

Also, at the meeting, officers and directors were elected for the coming year. The officers and directors elected for 2009 - 2010 are:

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