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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 23, 2010 at The University Club in Providence, Rhode Island.

The featured speaker was Presiding Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court Alice B. Gibney. Judge Gibney spoke about issues facing the Superior Court and the judiciary.

Brooks R. Magratten, incoming DCRI president and DRI Northeast Regional Director, extended his congratulations to outgoing president Robert J. Quigley, Jr. on his successful tenure in office. A plaque expressing appreciation to Mr. Quigley was also presented by DCRI executive director Michael B. Isaacs.

The officers and directors elected for 2010 - 2011 are:

President	Brooks R. Magratten of Pierce Atwood LLP
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Continuing on the board of directors are:

Robert J. Quigley, Jr. of McKenney, Quigley, Izzo & Clarkin
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(DRI State Representative)

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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.