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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 8, 2011 at The University Club in Providence, Rhode Island.

The featured speaker was Rhode Island Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul A. Suttell.

Howard A. Merten, incoming DCRI president extended his congratulations to outgoing president Brooks R. Magratten on his successful tenure in office. A plaque expressing appreciation to Mr. Magratten was also presented by DRI Northeast Regional Director Christopher A. Kenney.

The officers and directors elected for 2011 - 2012 are:

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Continuing on the board of directors are:

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