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R. Bruce Barze, Jr. Named Regional Director for DRI—*The Voice of the Defense Bar*

CHICAGO— DRI—*The Voice of the Defense Bar* recently installed R. Bruce Barze, Jr. of Balch & Bingham LLP, as a Regional Director during its Annual Meeting recently held in Washington, D.C.

Barze, Jr. has had 19 years of law practice and has been a DRI member since 1993. He is a partner at Balch & Bingham LLP and specializes in handling business, insurance, and environmental litigation and defending high-stakes personal injury and wrongful death cases. He is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Product Liability Litigation), selected for inclusion in “Alabama Super Lawyers” by Law & Politics and as a “Future Star” by Benchmark Litigation.

Barze, Jr. will serve as a Regional Director from 2011-2014. He will serve alongside fellow newly elected Regional Directors: John J. Burke of Hall, Farley, Oberrecht & Blanton, P.A.; Stephen R. Crislip of Jackson Kelly and Glenn M. Zakaib of Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP.

In addition to the Regional Directors, the following individuals were named National Directors at the 2011 Annual Meeting: Karen G. Glickstein of Polsinelli Shughart PC, Toyja E. Kelley of Tydings & Rosenberg LLP and John F. Kuppens of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP and Lise T. Spacapan of Jenner & Block LLP.

Additionally, the following members serve on the Board of Directors: John J. Burke of Hall Farley Oberrecht; Donna L. Burden of Burden Gulisano & Hickey; David E. Chamberlain of Chamberlain McHaney; Francisco J. Colón-Pagán of Colón & Colón and F. Thomas Cordell of Frailey Chaffin Cordell; Lee Craig of Butler Pappas; John E. Cuttino of Turner Padgett Graham & Laney; Kevin Driskill of Driskill Law Firm; Stephen J. Heine of Heyl Royster Voelker; James D. Holland of Page Kruger & Holland; Edward M. Kaplan of Sulloway & Hollis; Christopher A. Kenney of Kenney & Sams; Neva G. Lusk of Spilman Thomas & Battle; John J. McDonough of Cozen O’Connor; Michael I. Neil of Neil Dymott Frank McFall & Trexler; Patrick J. Paul of Snell & Wilmer; William J. Perry of Carter Perry Bailey; Steven M. Puiszis of Hinshaw & Culbertson; Carlos Rincon of Rincon Law Group; Joseph W. Ryan, Jr. of Porter Wright Morris & Arthur; Mark E. Schmidtke of Ogletree Deakins Nash; Steven R. Schwegman of Quinlivan & Hughes; Robert W. Shively of Shively & Lannin; Quentin F. Urquhart, Jr. of Irwin Fritchie Urquhart; George M. Walker of Hand

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DRI's Executive Committee includes President Henry M. Sneath, President-Elect Mary Massaron Ross, First Vice President J. Michael Weston, Second Vice President John Parker Sweeney, Secretary-Treasurer Laura E. Proctor and Past-President R. Matthew Cairns.

DRI will host more than 20 seminars and dozens of webcasts throughout 2012 that will focus on a variety of substantive law topics. In addition to the 2012 seminars and webcasts, the DRI Annual Meeting will be held October 24–28, 2012 at the New Orleans Marriott in New Orleans, Louisiana. Information regarding early registration and housing discounts will be made available soon.

About DRI – The Voice of the Defense Bar

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