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J. Michael Weston Named First Vice President of DRI—*The Voice of the Defense Bar*

CHICAGO – DRI - *The Voice of the Defense Bar* recently installed J. Michael Weston, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to serve as its First Vice President during the Annual Meeting, held October 26 - 30 in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Weston has been a member of DRI since 1985. As a founding member of the law firm Lederer Weston Craig PLC, Mr. Weston specializes in product liability, commercial litigation, tort defense, insurance coverage and bad faith litigation. He is a member of DRI's Product Liability, Toxic Torts, Trial Tactics, Technology, Insurance and Diversity Committees, and a former Chair of the DRI Public Policy and 2008 Annual Meeting Committees.

Mr. Weston graduated from the University of Iowa in 1977 and went on to receive his J.D. in 1980. That same year he was admitted to the Iowa Bar and has been admitted to the U.S. District Courts in Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa, as well as the Northern District of Illinois. He has also been admitted to the U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Weston will serve alongside DRI President Henry M. Sneath; President-Elect Mary Massaron Ross; Second Vice President John Parker Sweeney and Secretary-Treasurer Laura E. Proctor, as members of the DRI Executive Committee.

DRI will host more than 20 seminars and more than a dozen 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*

DRI – *The Voice of the Defense Bar* is an international organization of defense attorneys and corporate counsel that is recognized as a thought-leader and an advocate for the defense bar at the national and state level as well as in Europe. With more than 22,000 members, DRI provides members and their clients with access to world-class education, legal resources and numerous marketing and networking opportunities that facilitate career and law firm growth. For more information, log on to www.dri.org.