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Lise T. Spacapan Named National Director for DRI— *The Voice of the Defense Bar*

CHICAGO –DRI – *The Voice of the Defense Bar* installed Lise T. Spacapan as a National Director during its Annual Meeting recently held in Washington, D.C. Ms. Spacapan is a partner in the Chicago office of Jenner & Block LLP. She co-chairs the firm’s product liability and mass tort defense practice. In her role as a National Director, Ms. Spacapan wants to encourage industry to become more involved in mapping out positions and strategies of the organization. She wants to explore the creation of a task force including general counsel aimed at developing methods for engaging company counsel in DRI. She also hopes to assist DRI in developing stated positions on major issues facing the defense bar to demonstrate DRI’s value and importance to industry.

“I am thrilled to take on this leadership role for an outstanding organization that is committed to acting in the best interests of clients and colleagues in the defense bar,” Ms. Spacapan said. “In my new role, I want to increase corporate participation in DRI, and help DRI cultivate its image as the primary national voice speaking for the defense bar.”

Ms. Spacapan has been a member of DRI since 2005 and has had 27 years experience defending business in product liability, mass tort, class action and commercial litigation. In her five-plus years at DRI, she has been active in the Toxic Torts and Environmental Law Committee, which she chaired from 2008 to 2010. Ms. Spacapan was 2011 diversity chair for the DRI Corporate Counsel Roundtable.

Ms. Spacapan is dedicated to the National Foundation for Judicial Excellence (NFJE), having served on the faculty of the inaugural symposium and the 2010 and 2011 planning committees. Aside from her DRI responsibilities, her professional affiliations include the Chicago Inn of Court, National Association of Women Lawyers and the ABA.

Ms. Spacapan will serve as a National Director from 2011-2014. She will serve alongside fellow newly elected National Directors: Karen R. Glickstein of *Polsinelli Shughart PC*, Toyja E. Kelley of *Tydings & Rosenberg LLP* and John F. Kuppens of *Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP*. Additionally, the following members serve on the Board of Directors: R. Bruce Barze, Jr. of *Balch & Bingham*; 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

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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 16th 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.

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