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Mary Massaron Ross Named President-Elect of *DRI–The Voice of the Defense Bar*

CHICAGO –*DRI–The Voice of the Defense Bar* recently installed Mary Massaron Ross as President-Elect during the organizations' Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. A long-time member of DRI, Massaron Ross has served in a number of leadership positions most notably her involvement with amicus efforts and executive leadership for the Law Institute and Board of Directors.

A member of the Board of Directors at Plunkett Cooney, Ms. Massaron Ross has been named a Best Lawyer in America for Appellate Law every year since 2007 and a Michigan Super Lawyer, Top 50 Michigan Female Attorney, and Top 100 Statewide Attorney every year since 2006. She is the head of the Detroit firm's Appellate Practice Group. Ms. Massaron Ross has experienced unparalleled success in representing numerous clients in appeals before the state and federal appellate courts including the Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana Supreme Courts, and the United States Courts of Appeal for the Third, Sixth, and Seventh Circuits. Mary Massaron Ross will serve alongside DRI President Henry M. Sneath; as well as First Vice President J. Michael Weston; Second Vice President John Parker Sweeney; Secretary-Treasurer Laura E. Proctor and Past President R. Matthew Cairns, as members of DRI's Executive Committee.

DRI will host more than 20 national legal 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, DRI will publish numerous periodicals and research whitepapers on matters of interest to the defense and commercial litigation bar and their clients. DRI will also file a number of amicus curiae briefs in state, federal and Supreme Court matters on behalf of clients and interested parties.

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 22,500 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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