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## **Tojya E. Kelley Named National Director of DRI— *The Voice of the Defense Bar***

**CHICAGO**—DRI – *The Voice of the Defense Bar* installed Tojya E. Kelley as a National Director during its Annual Meeting recently held in Washington, D.C.

Kelley is a partner at the Baltimore, Maryland, firm of Tydings & Rosenberg LLP. He practices commercial litigation, construction, insurance coverage, product liability, and professional liability.

Kelley joined DRI in 2003 and has 10 years experience as a defense attorney. He currently serves as the DRI Diversity Committee chair since 2009 and has been an SLDO Relationship Committee member since 2010. Mr. Kelley was an asset in creating the DRI Sheryl J. Willert Pioneer Diversity Award.

Kelley currently serves as the secretary of the Maryland Defense Counsel. He has served on the board since 2005. Kelley is also a member of the ABA Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee.

Kelley will serve as a National Director from 2011-2014. Kelley will serve alongside fellow newly elected National Directors: Karen R. Glickstein of *Polsinelli Shughart PC*, John F. Kuppens of *Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough* and Lise T. Spacapan of *Jenner & Block 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 F. Thomas Cordell of *Frailey Chaffin Cordell*; Lee Craig of *Butler Pappas*; Stephen R. Crislip of *Jackson Kelly*; 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 Arendall*; Margaret Fonshell Ward of *Ward & Herzog*; and Glenn M. Zakaib of *Cassels Brock & Blackwell*.

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***

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](http://www.dri.org).

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