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***Leaders of the DC Legal Community Appointed to Bar
Foundation Board***

The DC Bar Foundation welcomes two new leaders of the DC legal community to its Board of Directors, effective July 1, 2008. Joining the Board are:

John C. Cruden, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, US Department of Justice

W. Mark Smith, Partner and former Partner-in-Charge of the Washington office of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan, LLP

They are filling vacancies on the nine-member Board created when outgoing Foundation President, Robert N. Weiner, of Arnold & Porter, LLP, completed his second three-year term, and when Board member John C. Yang relocated to Shanghai, China.

“We are delighted to have two such talented and dedicated individuals join our Board. Each brings a wealth of experience relevant to the support of legal services for the poor, including John Cruden’s service as President of the D.C. Bar and Mark Smith’s many years as an active member of the Advisory Committee to the Bar Foundation,” said incoming Bar Foundation President Stephen J. Pollak, of Goodwin Procter, LLP. The three-year appointments, made by the D.C. Bar’s Board of Governors, will take effect July 1, 2008. The Bar Foundation also announced the appointment of officers, for the fiscal year beginning July 1: President, Stephen J. Pollak; Vice President, Marna Tucker of Feldesman Tucker Leifer & Fidell, LLP, and Treasurer Joanne Doddy Fort of Baach Robinson & Lewis, PLLC.

Bar Foundation Board members participate actively in the governance and oversight of the Bar Foundation’s programs: the District’s Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program; the poverty lawyer loan repayment program for DC legal services lawyers, and two legal services grant programs that together comprise the largest single source of funding for civil legal services in the District of Columbia.

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The DC Bar Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, was established in 1977 to provide a vehicle for members of the bar to contribute to legal services providers. The Foundation also administers the District of Columbia’s IOLTA program, the Poverty Lawyer Loan Repayment Assistance Program, and publicly-funded grants for legal services.