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Cadwalader Attorney Named Recipient of 2006 ABA Pro Bono Publico Award

New York, NY, May 17, 2006, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP partner Debra Brown Steinberg has been named a recipient of the 2006 American Bar Association (ABA) Pro Bono Publico Award for extraordinary contributions of legal services to those who cannot afford representation.

Ms. Steinberg led Cadwalader's 9/11 pro bono efforts providing representation of families of World Trade Center victims. In addition to personally representing several families of victims, she also played a leading role in the creation and development of the New York Lawyers for the Public Interest 9/11 Project. She drafted comments on the interim and final regulations for the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund issued by The Association of the Bar of the City of New York and a substantial portion of the New York 9/11 Victims and Families Relief Act. She assumed a leading role in advocating at both the state and national levels on behalf of victims' families, drafting substantial portions of federal legislation to provide legal recognition and protection to family members of non-citizen victims of the attacks – the September 11 Family Humanitarian Relief and Patriotism Act, legislation that is pending in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

“Debra’s work on behalf of the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and, in particular, her extensive efforts on behalf of the family members of non-citizen victims, represents precisely the sort of noteworthy contributions to extending legal services to the poor and disadvantaged that Cadwalader encourages and supports,” said Robert O. Link, Jr., the Chairman and Managing Partner of Cadwalader. “She and the attorneys on her team have certainly demonstrated the capacity for bettering the world through the legal profession.”

Ms. Steinberg's public service was twice honored in the United States House of Representatives, in a New York State Senate Legislative Resolution, and by Mayor Michael Bloomberg on behalf of the City of New York. A recipient of the New York State Bar Association's 2003 Pro Bono Service Award, her work has been featured in the documentary

film entitled “The Legal Community’s Response to September 11th,” and commended in the seminal study on the same topic entitled “Public Service in a Time of Crisis.”

A partner in Cadwalader’s Litigation Department, Ms. Steinberg represents and counsels clients in complex corporate, business, securities, commercial, intellectual property, and bankruptcy-related litigations. As an experienced trial lawyer and appellate practitioner, Ms. Steinberg has appeared on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants in State and Federal courts.

She received her bachelor’s degree from Smith College in 1976 and graduated cum laude from Boston College School of Law in 1979. She is admitted to practice in the State of New York, the United States District Courts (S.D.N.Y., E.D.N.Y.), the United States Tax Court, the United States Court of Appeals (2nd Circuit) and the United States Supreme Court.

ABA President Michael S. Greco and the Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service will co-host an awards presentation at the Pro Bono Publico Awards Assembly Luncheon in Honolulu, Hawaii on Monday, August 7.

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