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Montgomery Bar Welcomes New Leaders

*Business Luncheon Marks Installment of New Leaders
and Honors Attorneys, Community and Law Enforcement Leaders*

Norristown, PA: -- On Friday, January 8, 2010, the Montgomery Bar Association (MBA) held its Annual Business Luncheon Meeting at the Meadowlands Country Club in Blue Bell, PA. Nearly 300 local dignitaries, legal professionals and law enforcement members attended the event which included the installation of a new president (ceremonial passing of the gavel), election of the MBA's officers for the 2010 term and an awards presentation to honor area attorneys, local law enforcement and community leaders.

Steven H. Lupin, Esq., Managing Partner from the law firm of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell and Lupin in Lansdale, PA was installed as the 86th President of the Montgomery Bar Association. Mr. Lupin is well known for his legal acumen in the areas of personal injury, business and commercial litigation and received wide recognition for his work on behalf of Montgomery County defending the Walter Annenberg case in which a challenge to the constitutionality of the Montgomery County Personal Property Tax Law was rebuffed. He has been chosen to be included on the "Super Lawyers" list by *Philadelphia Magazine* and *Law & Politics* from 2005 through 2009 and by *Corporate Counsel* for 2008 and 2009. In 2009, he was presented with the Montgomery Bar Association's prestigious Henry Stuckert Miller Public Service Award in recognition of his extraordinary service to the legal community. No stranger to holding executive positions with legal organizations, Lupin previously served as President of the Montgomery County Trial Lawyers Association and President of the Montgomery Inn of Court. In ascending to this position, during his term in office, Mr. Lupin has stated that he would like to focus on the bar association's many ways to assist the working attorney. Married and a father of two, Mr. Lupin received his J.D. from the Temple University School of Law in 1973.

For the 2010 Bar Year, The Honorable Carolyn T. Carluccio will serve as President-Elect, Donald J. Martin, Esq. will serve as Vice President, Paul C. Troy, Esq. will serve as Treasurer and Michael F. Rogers, Esq. will serve as Secretary.

Also of Note: Joseph P. Walsh, Esq., a partner in the law firm of Walsh Pancio, LLC in Lansdale was named President of the MBA's Trial Lawyers Section. Patrick J. Kurtas, Esq., a partner in the law firm of Prince and Kurtas in Pottstown was named President of the MBA's Young Lawyers Section. Michael Kleiman, Esq., a founding member in the law firm of Bleczinski, Kleiman & Klein, LLC in King of Prussia was named Chairman of the MBA's Family Law Section. Joseph P. McDonald, Esq., a member in the law firm of Smith, Aker, Grossman and Hollinger, LLP in Norristown was named Chairman of the MBA's Probate and Tax Section.

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See Picture # DSCN2062 (attached)

- **Picture #DSCN2062 (above):** Immediate Past President Mark A. Kearney, Esq. (left) passes the gavel to 2010 MBA President, Steven H. Lupin, Esq.



See Picture # DSCN2042 (attached)

- **Picture #DSCN2042 (above):** Montgomery Bar Foundation President, Robert F. Morris, Esq. (left) presents The Honorable Milton O. Moss Public Service Award to Richard A. Simon (right) of the Montgomery County Public Defender's Office. Since the beginning of the Bar Foundation in 1987, the Bar Foundation has honored Judge Moss by presenting the award to a Montgomery County resident who has provided exceptional service in support of the justice system.



See Picture # DSCN2053 (attached)

- **Picture # DSCN2053 (above):** Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman (center) stands with Louis D. Stefan Law Enforcement Award recipients, Chief John J. McGowan (left) of the East Norriton Police Department and Chief Eileen Wahlon Behr (right) of the Whitemarsh Police Department. The award is presented annually by the Montgomery Bar Foundation to an individual who promotes the rule of law and the administration of justice in the community. The two were awarded for their breadth of work for Mission Kids, a Montgomery County nonprofit co-founded by Ferman, offering a child friendly facility where all disciplines involved in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse provide coordinated services to kids to minimize trauma to abused children.

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See Picture # DSCN2058 (attached)

- **Picture # DSCN2058 (above):** Diane Frangiose (front/2nd from left), Merck & Co., Inc., Office of General Counsel, was the recipient of the Dorothy M. Yeager Award for her support of Legal Aid. Frangiose stands with Legal Aid of Southeastern PA attorneys. Pictured with Frangiose from left to right are Susan L. Strong, Esq., William W. Shimer, Jr., Esq., Keshia James, Esq., and Harvey F. Strauss, Esq. (Co-Executive Director, Legal Aid of Southeastern PA).

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About The Montgomery Bar Association

Established in 1885 to professionalize the county's practice of law, the Montgomery Bar Association (MBA) is one of our nation's oldest and most respected bar associations, representing over 2,100 legal professionals in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Now, as then, the MBA exists to uphold legal and ethical standards in our legal community. As the third largest Bar in Pennsylvania, the MBA has a longstanding tradition of service to its membership and the community. For members, the MBA offers an important arena for networking, professional development and education. For the community, the MBA serves as a legal resource offering education, legal assistance and funds and resources for individuals and agencies in need. The Association is actively engaged in public service through community outreach, free educational events offered throughout the year, programs like the Montgomery Child Advocacy Project, the Mock Trial Competitions for high-school students, and more. For more information on the Montgomery Bar Association, visit www.montgomerybar.org.