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**WASHINGTON, D.C. LAWYER STUART M. LEWIS SELECTED TO LEAD
NATION'S LARGEST TAX LAWYERS GROUP**

Orlando, Fla. lawyer Charles H. Egerton named chair-elect

WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug. 4, 2009 – Stuart M. Lewis, a Washington, D.C.-based shareholder in the national law firm Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC, has been selected to chair the American Bar Association's Section of Taxation, the nation's largest organization of tax lawyers.

Lewis becomes chair Tuesday, August 4th, at the close of the ABA's Annual Meeting in Chicago. He will serve a one-year term, to be succeeded by Charles H. Egerton of the Orlando, Fla. firm Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A., who was chosen to serve as chair-elect.

Lewis co-chairs Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney's ERISA Litigation, Executive Compensation and Nonprofit Organizations Practice Groups. He advises both large and small companies (domestic and foreign) on qualified and nonqualified retirement plans, 403(b) plans, stock options, IRAs, life insurance, fiduciary and governance issues, and a variety of related issues.

Lewis previously served in several leadership positions within the Section of Taxation, including as chair of its membership and marketing, and employee benefits committees; vice chair of government relations; and as a member of the section's council. He is a fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel and the American Bar Foundation, and a charter fellow of the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel.

Lewis has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* every year for the past 20 years, and has been honored in its employee benefits and tax categories. He was selected as a Corporate Counsel Super Lawyer® in Washington, D.C. in 2009 and in previous years. Lewis has written and spoken frequently on employee benefits and ERISA issues.

Charles H. Egerton is a tax and corporate attorney whose practice emphasizes tax planning for real estate transactions, including tax free exchanges and structuring of joint ventures for the acquisition and development of real properties. He also handles federal tax controversies at the audit, trial and appeals levels. Egerton has long been active in the ABA Section of Taxation and the Florida Bar Tax Section.

The American Bar Association Section of Taxation is the largest professional association of tax lawyers, with more than 22,000 members nationwide. Its goals include helping taxpayers better understand their rights and obligations under the tax laws and working to achieve a simplified tax system that is equitable and efficient.

With more than 400,000 members, the American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional membership organization in the world. As the national voice of the legal profession, the ABA works to improve the administration of justice, promotes programs that assist lawyers and judges in their work, accredits law schools, provides

continuing legal education, and works to build public understanding around the world of the importance of the rule of law.