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ABA GP|SOLO DIVISION PRESENTS 2009 AWARDS AT ANNUAL MEETING

CHICAGO, June 10, 2009 – The General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division of the American Bar Association will recognize two lawyers and a bar association during its Division Council Meeting Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Swissotel Hotel in Chicago as part of the ABA Annual Meeting.

Alan J. Klevan, managing partner of Klevan & Klevan LLP in Wellesley, Mass., will receive the Solo and Small Firm Trainer Award for his significant contribution to educating lawyers and law students about the opportunities of a solo or small firm practice. For several years Klevan has presented the program, "Going Small or Solo...Now What?" at law schools throughout Massachusetts, reaching more than 400 students and lawyers.

Seth Rosner, principal of the Seth Rosner Law Office in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., will receive the Solo and Small Firm Lifetime Achievement Award for his active support of his community and the legal profession. A member of the American Law Institute and the New York State Bar Foundation, Rosner has demonstrated leadership in legal ethics at the local, state and national levels through his work with the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

The Philadelphia Bar Association will receive the Solo and Small Firm Project Award for its Law Practice Management Division, created to offer support for lawyers as they establish and maintain their practices. The division provides business management, financial management, marketing and IT resources. It also vets consultants and provides a match service for members.

"These award recipients represent the best aspects of solo and small-firm practice," said Robert A. Zupkus, chair of the GP|Solo Division. "By reaching out to others with information, knowledge and service these award recipients are an inspiration to us in how they combine dedication to the profession with the practice of law."

West, a Thomson Reuters business, is the sponsor of the GP|Solo awards.

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.