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**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION'S
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ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2010 NATIONAL AWARDS**

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 3, 2010 –The American Bar Association's Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division today announced the recipients of its three annual awards for outstanding work in the government and public sector. The awards will be presented at a reception on August 6, 2010 in San Francisco at the JW Marriott hotel from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

The 2010 Dorsey Award, honoring an outstanding public defender or legal aid lawyer, will be presented to Kenneth W. Babcock, Executive Director and General Counsel of the Public Law Center of Orange County (PLC).

Babcock has worked tirelessly to provide outstanding legal services to underprivileged clients for more than two decades. In 1989, he began his career in public interest law with Public Counsel in Los Angeles. As Directing Attorney of the Consumer Law Project and then Director of Litigation and Advocacy, Babcock recruited, trained and matched volunteer lawyers with hundreds of indigent clients; worked on legislative issues; and handled cases. In 2000, Babcock became Executive Director of the PLC. Since then, he increased the size of the staff, number of cases handled, and number of hours of free legal services the PLC provides. He also expanded PLC's services by creating community clinics in more locations, new programs to assist immigrants and nonprofits, a healthcare advocacy project, and an AmeriCorps legal fellowship program. Babcock is a determined fundraiser; co-chairs the California Commission on Access to Justice; and served for five years on the California Judicial Council's Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee.

The Hodson Award honors an outstanding government or public sector law office. There are two winners for 2010: the Legal Services Support Section, Combat Logistics Regiment-17, 1st Marine Logistics Group (LSSS) and the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) Office of General Counsel.

The 25 attorneys and 51 enlisted legal personnel of the LSSS at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, provide legal services support to over 25,000 Marines and sailors stationed at Camp Pendleton and across the globe. This is the busiest trial office in the Department of Defense, handling thousands of administrative and judicial proceedings, including war crimes cases. More than 100 LSSS personnel have been deployed to combat zones in Iraq and Afghanistan. They help provide security, stability and humanitarian assistance and promote the rule of law. LSSS lawyers are at the forefront of litigation involving post-traumatic stress disorder and its impact on *mens rea*, classified information litigation, and the First Amendment and “news gathering” privilege in the military. LSSS attorneys have created a lasting legacy on the use of force doctrine and the importance of limiting civilian casualties in a counter-insurgency environment.

Headquartered in Washington, DC, the USAID’s Office of General Counsel (GC) represents USAID in all legal matters. GC attorneys work to ensure that USAID accomplishes its goals in some of the world’s most challenging legal environments. GC attorneys provided USAID with legal authority to protect vulnerable Haitian children and to facilitate U.S. government funding for emergency supplies and healthcare in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake. They continue to provide legal assistance with issues involving Haiti’s denominated debt, developing a Haitian textile industry and compliance issues related to debris removal. In combat zones in Afghanistan, Iraq and Pakistan, GC attorneys facilitate assistance packages to local governments and aid groups to provide civilians with viable alternatives to extremist groups. GC attorneys routinely serve in areas impacted by natural disasters, such as Chile, and in countries undergoing political or social transitions like Zimbabwe where GC attorneys helped develop an agreement allowing a Zimbabwean bank to use U.S. guaranteed loans to increase its lending to agricultural enterprises.

The 2010 Nelson Award, recognizing superior contributions to the ABA by a public lawyer, goes to Randolph Tritell, Director of the Office of International Affairs at the Federal Trade Commission. Tritell currently holds leadership positions in the ABA Sections of Antitrust Law and International Law. His efforts have increased international antitrust and consumer protection programming at the ABA and helped the association gain international prominence for its work in these areas. These endeavors substantially increased membership and conference attendance by non-American lawyers. Tritell is responsible for the extensive schedule of brown-bag and conference programs on international policy and enforcement, and the full-scale “international track” of programs at the annual Antitrust Section Spring Meeting. Tritell has mentored countless young lawyers interested in antitrust law and many have become active, longtime members of the ABA.

For more information on these awards or the Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division, call Sarah Hilton at 202/662-1024 or visit www.governmentlawyer.org.