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**Minority Corporate Counsel Association Celebrates 10 Years of Diversity Progress
in the Mid-Atlantic Region**

Washington, D.C. – The Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA) will celebrate its 10th anniversary by honoring a new Thomas L. Sager Award winner and past Employer of Choice Award winners at its Mid-Atlantic Region Anniversary Dinner at the J.W. Marriott in Washington, D.C. on June 21, 2007.

“In ten years, MCCA’s research and programs have empowered individuals in the legal profession to embrace diversity and strive to have inclusive business environments,” says MCCA’s executive director Veta T. Richardson. “This event is not only a celebration of our 10th Anniversary, but also an opportunity to recognize the diversity progress that has been made in the Mid-Atlantic Region.”

The law firm of Nixon Peabody LLP was selected as the recipient of The Thomas L. Sager Award, named in honor of MCCA Chairman of the Board and DuPont Company Vice President and Assistant General Counsel, Thomas L. Sager. Nixon Peabody is one of the largest multi-practice law firms in the U.S. and is regularly recognized for its workplace including being honored for the past several years by FORTUNE magazine as one of the “100 Best Companies To Work For®” and the Washington Business Journal as a “Best Place to Work.” The Sager Award is given to law firms that demonstrate sustained commitment to improving the hiring, retention and promotion of minority attorneys. Accepting the award on behalf of Nixon Peabody are Kendal Tyre and Liz Moore, partners and co-chairs of the firm’s Diversity Action Committee.

Employers of Choice award recipients are chosen for demonstrating a commitment to diversity and creating and maintaining an inclusive workplace. Previous Employers of Choice Award winners from AstraZeneca and PPG Industries will be featured in a video salute to MCCA.

The Washington, D.C. dinner is part of an annual series of five dinners designed to address issues of diversity in corporate law departments. MCCA Diversity Dinners are also held in Dallas, San Francisco, Chicago, and New York City.

The Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA) was founded in 1997 to advocate for the expanded hiring, promotion, and retention of minority attorneys in corporate legal departments and the law firms that serve them. In addition, MCCA stimulates an ongoing dialogue of diversity “best practices.” MCCA accomplishes its mission through the collection and dissemination of information on diversity in the legal profession. MCCA’s headquarters are in Washington, D.C. and it also has offices in Atlanta and Chicago.

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