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**Minority Corporate Counsel Association Celebrates 10 Years of Diversity Progress
In the Northeast Region**

Washington D.C. – The Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA) will celebrate its 10th anniversary by honoring a new Thomas L. Sager Award winner at its Northeast Region Anniversary Dinner in New York City at the Marriott Marquis Hotel on November 7, 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 Northeast Region."

The law firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld 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. This 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 the firm will be Akin Gump's chairman, R. Bruce McLean, and partner Trey Muldrow.

"We are very pleased that the Minority Corporate Counsel Association has once again recognized Akin Gump's commitment to developing and maintaining a diverse workforce of talented lawyers," says R. Bruce McLean, Akin Gump's chairman. "We are proud of our record of success in the recruitment, retention and promotion of minorities and women and are committed to building upon it."

The New York 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, Washington, D.C., San Francisco and Chicago. .

MCCA is celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2007. It was founded 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 also has an office in Atlanta.

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