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SEVEN MEMBERS ELECTED TO THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE

(Philadelphia) – At the 86th Annual Meeting of The American Law Institute (ALI) on May 18-20, 2009, seven ALI members were elected by the membership to the Institute's Council. The Council, a group of prominent judges, lawyers, and legal scholars from every region of the country, is the governing body of the Institute. The new Council members are:

- **John H. Beisner**, Washington, DC. Mr. Beisner, a partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, specializes in complex mass torts and insurance litigation. He is an Adviser on ALI's Principles of the Law of Aggregate Litigation project. His J.D. is from the University of Michigan and his B.A. is from the University of Kansas.
- **Mary B. Cranston**, San Francisco, CA. Ms. Cranston is immediate past chair of her firm, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, where her specialties include litigation and counseling in complex class actions, antitrust, regulated industries, and securities. Her J.D. and A.B. are from Stanford University; she also holds an M.A. from UCLA.
- **Derek P. Langhauser**, South Portland, ME. Mr. Langhauser is General Counsel of the Maine Community College System and also serves part-time as Special Counsel to Maine Senator Olympia Snowe. His J.D. is from the University of Maine and his B.A. is from Bates College.
- **Gerard E. Lynch**, New York, NY. Judge Lynch, who has served on the U.S. District Court in Manhattan since 2000, also is a law professor at Columbia University. He was recently nominated to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit by President Obama. Judge Lynch is an Adviser to the Institute's Model Penal Code: Sentencing project. His J.D. and B.A. are both from Columbia University.
- **M. Margaret McKeown**, San Diego, CA. Judge McKeown has served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit since 1998. Before that, she was a partner at Perkins Coie in Seattle, where she specialized in intellectual property and complex litigation. She served as an Adviser on ALI's recently completed project on Intellectual Property: Principles Governing Jurisdiction, Choice of Law, and Judgments in Transnational Disputes. Judge McKeown, a graduate of the University of Wyoming, has a J.D. from Georgetown University.
- **David W. Rivkin**, New York, NY. Mr. Rivkin, a partner at Debevoise & Plimpton, practices primarily in the areas of international litigation and arbitration, and currently heads his firm's international disputes resolution group. He was an Adviser on the Institute's Principles of Transnational Civil Procedure project. Both his undergraduate and law degrees are from Yale University.

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