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KCMBA Executive Director Rae Jean McCall Elected President of the Metropolitan Bar Caucus

At the recent meeting of the National Conference of Bar Presidents in August, Rae Jean McCall was elected President of the Metropolitan Bar Caucus (MBC). McCall currently serves as the Executive Director of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, a position she has held since January 2000. She is only the second Executive Director to serve as President of the MBC in its 30-year history.

“Rae Jean McCall exemplifies the highest level of commitment to creating better communities through active and engaged local bar associations,” said Rebbecca Lake Wood, KCMBA President. “If her leadership at KCMBA is any measure, she will surely excel in bringing new opportunities and practices to local bar associations all over the country. She is a force for good in the profession.”

The MBC was established in 1979 as the National Caucus of Metropolitan bar leaders, a voluntary, unstructured organization of major metropolitan bar leaders under the leadership of Jerome Bogutz of the Philadelphia Bar. Two years later the MBC gained recognition as a valuable component of the National Conference of Bar Presidents (NCBP) and assumed the role as the forum for discussion among metro bar leaders. It became an integral part of the NCBP midyear and annual meetings.

The Metropolitan Bar Caucus is now the national organization representing local and metropolitan bars across the U.S. and hosts organizational members in most of the 50 States. As

President, McCall will preside over an executive committee of 18 members comprised of Past Presidents and Executive Directors of local bar associations. The MBC plans and executes programming at the mid-year and annual meetings of the National Conference of Bar Presidents, as well as communicating “best practices” to organizational members. In addition, the MBC is the representative arm for local bar associations within the American Bar Association.

“It is an honor to represent the KCMBA at the national level,” stated McCall. “The exchange of ideas among members is amazing – it is always reassuring to hear that other bar associations are attempting to address some of the same issues we encounter.”

Photo available upon request.

The Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association serves approximately 5,000 members in the nine-county Kansas City metro area: Johnson and Wyandotte counties in Kansas and Cass, Clay, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri. The mission of this Association is to serve our members and our community by promoting justice, professional excellence and respect for the law.