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Patrick Stufflebeam Named Rising Star by Statewide Defense Attorney Association

Chicago, IL - Patrick W. Stufflebeam of the Edwardsville law firm of HeplerBroom LLC, has been named the 2009 Rising Star by the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel (IDC). The IDC is the premiere association of attorneys in Illinois representing business, corporate, professionals, and other individual defendants in civil litigation. With nearly 1,000 members, the IDC is the voice of the defense bar in Illinois.

The Rising Star Award is presented annually to a young attorney who has exhibited exemplary performance in the practice of law, demonstrated commitment to the defense bar and the association, and has been involved in significant projects that had a positive result on the practice of law. Mr. Stufflebeam was nominated by his peers in the IDC who cited his dedication and his leadership skills. An active member of the association's Young Lawyers Division, Mr. Stufflebeam has successfully tackled the complex job of planning and executing IDC Fall Conferences.

A graduate of St. Louis University School of Law, Mr. Stufflebeam is a litigation attorney with HeplerBroom LLC, concentrating his practice on defense of toxic torts cases. He represents clients in Illinois, Missouri, and Indiana courts.

The Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel (IDC) was organized in 1964 and currently has nearly 1,000 members. The purpose of the organization is to promote improvements in the administration of justice and enhance the service of the legal profession to the public; to encourage the prompt, fair and just disposition of tort litigation; to enhance the knowledge and improve the skills of defense lawyers; to advance the equitable and expeditious handling of disputes arising under all forms of insurance and surety contracts and to work for the elimination of court congestion and delays in civil litigation.

Membership in the IDC is open to any attorney who is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Illinois; who is engaged actively in the practice of law either privately or on behalf of his/her corporate employer; who is of high professional standard; and who devotes a substantial portion of his or her professional practice to the representation of business, corporate, insurance, professional or individual civil litigants involving tort, contract, insurance, employment, municipal or business matters, and do not, for the most part, represent plaintiffs in personal injury litigation.

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