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Thomas Scott Stewart Honored by Statewide Defense Attorney Association

Chicago, IL – Thomas Scott Stewart, a partner in the St. Louis law firm of HeplerBroom, LLC has received the Meritorious Service Award from 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, and is working with the business, insurance, and medical communities in support of a fair and impartial civil justice system.

Mr. Stewart was honored for serving the association with distinction during his tenure as Employment Law Committee Co-Chair. Mr. Stewart is widely recognized as an expert in the field of employment law. He publishes and lectures extensively on issues related to labor and employment law. Numerous articles by Mr. Stewart have been featured in the IDC's nationally acclaimed legal publication, the *IDC Quarterly*.

A 1995 graduate of the Saint Louis University School of Law, Mr. Stewart served as a United States Army Intelligence Office from 1985 to 1989. In his practice with HeplerBroom, LLC, Mr. Stewart defends and counsels employers on labor and employment law matters. An active trial lawyer, he handles cases in federal, state and municipal courts and agencies. He is licensed to practice law in Illinois and Missouri.

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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