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**STRANG RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE COMMUNITY AWARD FROM OACTA**

Cleveland, Ohio – (November 16, 2009) - Carter E. Strang, a partner with Tucker Ellis & West LLP, received the 2009 Distinguished Contributions to the Community Award from the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys at its annual convention in Columbus, Ohio on November 11, 2009.

Mr. Strang initiated and serves as coordinator of TEW's unique Pipeline Diversity Program, which involves a partnership between TEW and the John Hay Early College Program of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. The partnership includes monthly visits by TEW attorneys to teach the award winning Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's 3Rs curriculum, which aids students in passing the Ohio Graduation Test and includes career counseling. Mr. Strang served as Chair of the CMBA's 3Rs Committee for two of the first three years of the 3Rs program's existence.

The TEW/JHEC partnership, now in its third year, also includes TEW attorneys who coach JHEC's Mock Trial Team, which has won the Cleveland Mock Trial Championship both years it has participated. The partnership also includes two paid summer internships at TEW for JHEC students.

This year Mr. Strang oversaw the expansion of the TEW Pipeline Diversity Initiative to TEW's offices in Denver, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Louise Dempsey, Associate Dean of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and noted authority on pipeline diversity programs, has called TEW's program "the Gold Standard" for law firms. The goal of pipeline diversity programs is increasing the number of minorities and economically disadvantaged, who consider careers in the law.

Mr. Strang also initiated the CMBA's Green Initiative and serves as Chair of its Green Initiative Committee. The Green Initiative includes a CMBA Green Certification program for law firms/offices, designed to promote eco-friendly practices including responsible paper use, recycling and a reduction in energy use.

Mr. Strang is President of the Federal Bar Association, Northern District of Ohio Chapter, and is a member of the CMBA Board of Trustees.

Tucker Ellis & West LLP is a full service law firm with over 145 attorneys with offices in Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, Denver, Colorado, and Los Angeles and San Francisco, California.

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