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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Defense Counsel of Rhode Island Elects Officers and Directors at Annual Meeting**

PROVIDENCE, RI – Defense Counsel of Rhode Island held its Annual Meeting on June 8, 2017 at Public Kitchen & Bar in Providence, Rhode Island.

At the meeting, DCRI honored James T. Murphy for his outstanding long time service to the defense bar. Outgoing president John F. Kelleher presented an inscribed crystal memento on behalf of DCRI. President Kelleher noted, “Jim Murphy was one of the founders of DCRI and its second president. He has had a long and distinguished career and we are pleased to honor him for his service to our organization and the defense bar.”

Incoming president Lauren D. Wilkins thanked outgoing president John F. Kelleher for two successful terms as president of the association. She said, “John Kelleher has worked tirelessly to promote membership, provide CLE courses of interest to our members and to further our legislative activities. We thank him for his time and dedication.”

DRI national director Emily Coughlin recognized outgoing president John F. Kelleher for his service to Defense Counsel of Rhode Island and for his participation in national activities. DRI is the national association of civil defense attorneys and in-house counsel.

The officers and directors elected at the meeting are:

President	Lauren D. Wilkins of Langlois, Wilkins, Furtado & Metcalf, P.C.
President-Elect:	William F. White of White & Kelly, P.C.
Vice President:	Angela L. Carr of Barton Gilman LLP
Secretary:	Paul M. Kessimian Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP
Treasurer:	Amy Beretta of the Law Offices of Amy Beretta

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Directors: Stephen P. Cooney of Higgins, Cavanagh & Cooney, LLP  
Kevin J. Flannery of the Law Offices of James V. Murray  
Joel K. Gerstenblatt of Gerstenblatt Law Offices, Ltd  
Ryan C. Hurley of Kiernan, Plunkett & Redihan, LLP  
Alan R. Tate of Tate of Latham  
Kyle Zambarano of Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C.

Continuing on the board of directors are:

John F. Kelleher of LaSalle & Kelleher, P.C.  
(Past President)  
Faith A. LaSalle of LaSalle & Kelleher, P.C.  
(DRI State Representative)  
Kristina Hultman of Higgins, Cavanagh & Cooney, LLP  
(Young Lawyers Division Co-Chair)  
John D. Meara of Barton Gilman LLP  
(Young Lawyers Division Co-Chair)  
Bruce J. Balon of the Law Office of Michael D. Lynch  
Robert J. Quigley, Jr. of McKenney, Quigley & Clarkin, LLP  
Holly R. Rao of Olenn & Penza, LLP  
Kevin N. Rolando of Gunning & LaFazia

Defense Counsel of Rhode Island is the state association of attorneys defending the interests of business and individuals in civil litigation. Members of DCRI include lawyers engaged in private practice, corporate counsel and insurance company counsel. DCRI provides educational and support services for its members. DCRI also serves as an advocate for its members on legislative issues that impact the defense bar and the judicial system.