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ADL HONORS OUTSTANDING ATTORNEYS
AT 13TH ANNUAL JURISPRUDENCE LUNCHEON

STEVE CLAY, DOUG AMMAR, HALEY SCHWARTZ RECOGNIZED
FOR COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

February 28, 2011, Atlanta, Ga...The Anti-Defamation League today presented its prestigious jurisprudence awards to three Atlanta attorneys whose careers embody the ADL mission of working to secure justice and fair treatment for all.

Steve Clay, a partner at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton and founder of the Georgia Appleseed Project, was the recipient of ADL's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Doug Ammar, Executive Director of the Georgia Justice Project received the Elbert P. Tuttle Award.

The Stuart Eizenstat Young Lawyer Award was presented to **Haley Schwartz**, founder and Director of the Brest Cancer Project of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society.

"These are three exceptional honorees," said Liz Price, chair of the ADL Southeast Regional Board of Directors and a partner at the law firm of Alston Bird. "They have all demonstrated a deep commitment to providing access to justice for all people, regardless of income, gender or race. They are an inspiration to all of us in the field of law."

The award recipients are chosen by a committee chaired by King and Spalding senior litigation partner John Chandler, and comprised of some of the most respected non-profit and private practice attorneys in the Southeast.

In selecting Steve Clay for the ADL Lifetime Achievement Award, the committee cited the countless hours Mr. Clay has devoted to providing legal services to the underserved communities of Georgia through his work with the Georgia Appleseed Project, which he founded more than five years ago.

Georgia Appleseed works with volunteer lawyers and other professionals to find solutions to difficult social justice problems, such as working to improve the juvenile

justice system, improving public education, and working to promote integration and inclusion of immigrants in Georgia communities.

Committee Chair John Chandler said the mission of Georgia Appleseed is in perfect alignment with the goals of ADL: *“To listen to the unheard voices of the poor, the children, the marginalized; to uncover and end the injustices that we would not endure ourselves; to win the battles for our constituency in the courts of public opinion or in the halls of justice that no one else is willing or able to fight.”*

Mr. Clay has served in various *pro bono* judicial appointments as well as having represented prisoners at the Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp. He has dedicated years of service to Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Crossroads Community Ministry and St. Joseph’s Mercy Foundation. He is widely considered one of Atlanta’s most respected attorneys, litigating domestic and international matters.

Doug Ammar has been associated with the Georgia Justice Project (GJP) since its founding 25 years ago. He became the executive director in 1995. The mission of GJP is to ensure justice for the indigent criminally accused and their families and to assist them in establishing crime-free lives and becoming productive citizens. GJP offers free legal services coupled with a full range of social and employment services to provide support to those accused or convicted of crimes and their families. As a result of their efforts, the recidivism rate for GJP clients is less than one-third of the national average.

Mr. Ammar has received numerous professional awards, some of which include: Thomas Moore Society Law Award, Georgia Center for Nonprofits’ Evelyn G. Ullman Innovative Leadership Award; Fulton County Daily Report’s Young Lawyer on the Rise Award; Emory Law School’s Public Interest Committee’s Inspiration Award; University of Georgia’s Equal Justice Foundation’s Knox Award; Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Indigent Defense Award; Davidson College’s John W. Kuykendall Award for Community Service; Atlanta Catholic Social Services’ Award for Exemplary Service; Davidson College Alumni Admissions Program Award and the Georgia Indigent Defense Council’s Commitment to Excellence Award.

“Mr. Ammar’s work reminds us that a commitment to social justice means more than representing an indigent defendant in court. It also means working to improve the personal circumstances and social inequities that can create a permanent underclass and sometimes spark criminal behavior,” said Liz Price.

Haley Schwartz has worked tirelessly to provide free civil legal services to low-income breast cancer patients and survivors in metro Atlanta. She has represented and advised hundreds of clients during her service as founder and director of the Breast Cancer Initiative. In describing the mission of her organization, Ms. Schwartz has said that “Legal services are often critical to breast cancer survival. Those that have limited resources and systems of support need an advocate to deal with the

legal aspects of the medical, economic and personal issues that arise when patients are debilitated by their illness.”

Ms. Schwartz also serves by court appointment as a guardian *ad litem* in cases in Fulton County Superior Court involving child custody or visitation disputes through the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation. She is the recipient of the American Cancer Society’s national Lane W. Adams Quality of Life Award and of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award, presented by the Emory Rollins School of Public Health.