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**JAMES R. DEGIACOMO OF MURTHA CULLINA HONORED
BY MCLE WITH SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

BOSTON, MA (September 29, 2009)... James R. DeGiacomo of Murtha Cullina LLP is being honored by Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, Inc. with a scholarship fund in his name - The James R. DeGiacomo Scholarship Fund. The scholarship fund was created by MCLE to honor Mr. DeGiacomo who, as an outstanding member of the legal community, has greatly touched and influenced this community and whose life and work have exemplified Massachusetts' rich legal heritage.

Mr. DeGiacomo was a partner of the Boston firm of Roche, Carens & DeGiacomo, which merged with Murtha Cullina LLP in 2000, and has been part of the legal community for over 50 years with extensive experience in the areas of civil litigation, legal malpractice defense, fiduciary litigation and family law. His contributions to the legal community, commitment to the continuing education of lawyers and his active involvement and leadership in MCLE are just a few of the reasons MCLE has chosen to honor him with this scholarship fund.

MCLE provides need-based scholarships to their continuing education programs for lawyers who serve underprivileged or traditionally underserved populations throughout Massachusetts. Eligible recipients are lawyers who have little or no budget for continuing education, legal services staff attorneys, and those who volunteer for pro bono work.

"The goal of MCLE's Scholarship Funds is to provide better access to the legal system for underserved members of our society by providing scholarships to MCLE programs to the lawyers who serve them," said Mr. DeGiacomo. "I am honored to have my name on such a worthy cause."

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