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PHOENIX ATTORNEY MARK HARRISON TO RECEIVE 2010 NCBP FELLOWS AWARD IN ORLANDO

Mark I. Harrison, a member of the Phoenix, Arizona law firm of Osborn Maledon, P.A., is the 2010 recipient of the National Conference of Bar Presidents (NCBP) Fellows Award. The award recognizes the accomplishments of a past bar president who has demonstrated a continuing commitment to leadership, service, the work of the organized bar and the purposes of the NCBP.

Mr. Harrison's practice is currently concentrated in the areas of legal and judicial ethics and appellate matters. Throughout a professional life that spans 50 years, Mark is highly respected for his work as a teacher, a published author and crusader for the highest standards of ethics and professionalism.

Mr. Harrison served as chair of the ABA Commission to Evaluate the Code of Judicial Conduct which was unanimously adopted by the ABA House of Delegates on February 12, 2007. He has represented lawyers in disciplinary proceedings for more than 25 years and has represented judges and the Arizona Judicial Conduct Commission in judicial discipline proceedings. Since 2000, he has taught legal ethics as an adjunct professor at the Arizona State University College of Law and from 1994-1997, taught the same course as an adjunct professor at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law. Mr. Harrison currently serves on the national board of directors of Justice at Stake and as president of Justice for All, a bi-partisan, non-profit organization founded in Arizona in 2005 to promote and educate the public about the importance of preserving merit selection and an independent judiciary in Arizona.

He served as president of the Maricopa County Bar Association in 1970 and as president of the State Bar of Arizona in 1975-1976. In 1977, he was elected president of the National Conference of Bar Presidents.

Active in a variety of community and law-related organizations, Mr. Harrison has been the recipient of several awards including the ABA Michael Franck Award for Professional Responsibility; the Walter E. Craig Lifetime Achievement Award from the State Bar of Arizona; the Peggy Goldwater Award from Planned Parenthood of Central & Northern Arizona for his leadership in promoting family planning services; the Good Guys Award from the Arizona Women's Political Caucus; the Presidential Commendation Award presented by the Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice, the Maricopa County Bar Association Hall of Fame Award, the University of Arizona Distinguished Honorary Alumnus Convocation Award from the law faculty of the College of Law; and the Judge Learned Hand Award from the Phoenix chapter of the American Jewish Committee, presented annually to outstanding leaders of the legal profession.

Mr. Harrison was recognized at the joint awards luncheon of the National Conference of Bar Presidents, National Association of Bar Executives and the National Conference of Bar Foundations in Orlando, on Friday, February 5.