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ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION INSTALLS ATTORNEY CATHRINE M. CASTALDI AS PRESIDENT

Irvine – Cathrine M. Castaldi will be sworn in tonight as the 2008 President of the Orange County Bar Association. Ms. Castaldi is a member of the Irvine based law firm Rus, Miliband & Smith, APC, a complex business litigation and corporate insolvency firm. She has held various leadership positions in the Orange County Bar Association over the past several years (see bio attached).

The Honorable Erithe A. Smith, U.S. Bankruptcy Court will install Ms. Castaldi and the other incoming officers and directors at the Association's annual meeting & installation dinner at the Irvine Marriott Hotel. The annual banquet, known as "Judges' Night," is one of the largest events for the Orange County legal community. Over 700 members of the local bench and bar are expected to be in attendance.

In addition to Ms. Castaldi, the following attorneys will also be installed as 2008 Officers of the Orange County Bar Association: Michael G. Yoder, O'Melveny & Myers, *President –Elect*; Lei Lei Wang Ekvall, Weiland, Golden, Smiley, Wang Ekvall & Strok LLP, *Treasurer*; John C. Hueston, Irell & Manella, *Secretary*; and Joseph L. Chairez, Baker & Hostetler, *Immediate Past President*.

Also on this evening, the following attorneys will be sworn in as 2008 Board Members:

Ashleigh E. Aitken
Darren O. Aitken
Helen Cicino
Suzanne Viau Chamberlain
Scott B.Cooper
Grace E. Emery
Wayne R. Gross

Dimetria A. Jackson
Claudette D. Kunzman
Tracy R. LeSage
Tirzah Abé Lowe
Pearl G. Mann
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Melissa R. McCormick

Teresa A. McQueen
Lorena Peñaloza
Michael Penn
Amy Pope
Marcus S. Quintanilla
J. Craig Williams

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