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PRINCETON ATTORNEY HANAN M. ISAACS TO BE HONORED AS A “LEGEND IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION”

Princeton, NJ (March 26, 2007) – Princeton attorney Hanan M. Isaacs will be recognized as one of New Jersey’s twenty-five “Legends of ADR”, along with special honoree, retired Supreme Court Justice Marie L. Garibaldi, herself a lifetime achievement award winner. The awards ceremony will be held as part of ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) Day, Thursday, April 12, 2007, at the Pines Manor in Edison, NJ.

The “Legends of ADR” Awards and ADR Day are co-sponsored by the New Jersey State Bar Association’s Dispute Resolution Section; the Justice Marie L. Garibaldi ADR Inn of Court; the New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators (NJAPM); the New Jersey Corporate Counsel Association (NJCCA); the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education (ICLE), which also represents all three of New Jersey’s law schools; and the American Arbitration Association (AAA).

Isaacs said, “ I am humbled to receive an ‘ADR Legend’ Award in the company of Justice Marie Garibaldi, an esteemed colleague. I am thrilled to be part of the dispute resolution field, which is now the fastest growing sector of business and personal dispute intervention. Over my career, ADR has grown in weight, stature, and use. What was considered radical has now become fashionable, sometimes mandatory. We live in interesting times.”

Hanan Isaacs has been a national pioneer in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution. With 25 years of continuous service to New Jersey’s citizens, he is a veteran among professional mediators in the state. His amicus brief and argument in Lerner v. Laufer, a 2003 Appellate Division case, had a major impact on negotiations, mediation, and litigation practice in civil and family court matters throughout the State. He co-authored New Jersey’s Uniform Mediation Act, which passed the New Jersey Legislature unanimously in 2004, a model effort nationally.

Isaacs pressed the Legislature to adopt New Jersey’s recent divorce reform, the “Irreconcilable Differences” bill, which Governor Jon Corzine signed into law just two months ago. Most New Jersey couples opting for divorce are expected to use this legislatively-crafted innovation.

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Said Isaacs, “Of all my work in conflict resolution, passage of this law was perhaps the most satisfying. New Jersey couples no longer have to spatter one another with mud, which too often lands on their children, just to get an expedited divorce.”

In 2004, Isaacs received significant public notice in a civil rights case against the United States of America, litigated on behalf of a federal sector employee. His work in *Ryan v. Mineta*, tried in U.S. District Court on behalf of a Federal Aviation Administration employee, created major policy changes for 50,000 Agency workers in the areas of hiring and promotions.

An Accredited Professional Mediator and noted trial lawyer in divorce, employment, and general civil and criminal matters, Isaacs annually trains hundreds of professionals in the art and craft of negotiations, mediation, and ethics.

Hanan M. Isaacs is a Past President of the NJ Association of Professional Mediators and Past Chair of the Dispute Resolution Section of the NJ State Bar Association. He served on the New Jersey Supreme Court's Complementary Dispute Resolution Committee and is a Master of two Inns of Court: The Justice Marie L. Garibaldi American ADR Inn of Court and the Mercer County American Inn of Court. Recently peer-selected for the third time to be included in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, he is also a member of Princeton's Coalition for Peace Action Board of Directors. Recognized by the NJ State Bar Association for Legislative Advocacy in 2005; as “ADR Practitioner 1999-2000”; and as “General Practitioner 1994”, Mr. Isaacs is a frequent journal author, multi-media contributor, and public speaker. He is a former Adjunct Professor at Seton Hall Law School and Rider University in the field of conflict resolution.

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