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Kopit Appointed Chair of American Bar Association's Fund for Justice and Education

September 21, 2009 — Cleveland, OH – Alan S. Kopit, partner in charge of the Cleveland office of Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, was recently appointed chair of the American Bar Association's Fund for Justice and Education. Mr. Kopit has been a member of the fund's Council since 2006, and a member of the ABA since 1977.

"We are excited that Alan has taken on this new role with such an important facet of the American Bar Association," said Lawrence E. Oscar, Managing Partner and CEO of the firm. "We know that he will provide the same outstanding legal service and leadership to the Fund for Justice and Education that he provides to his clients on a daily basis."

The Fund for Justice and Education (FJE) is a charitable fund that was established nearly 50 years ago by the ABA to solicit and accept tax-exempt gifts and grants in support of law-related public service and educational programs of the ABA. The FJE expends over \$60 million per year supporting nearly 200 law-related programs that serve the public and the profession by improving the justice system, promoting a better understanding of the law and ensuring equal access to justice.

Mr. Kopit, partner in charge of Hahn Loeser's Cleveland office, has spent his entire legal career with the firm, commencing in 1977. He focuses his practice in the areas of Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Creditors' Rights, Reorganization & Bankruptcy, and Government Relations (a practice he co-chairs). Mr. Kopit also serves on the firm's board of directors.

Mr. Kopit was appointed a White House Fellow by President Ronald Reagan in 1987, where he was assigned to work as Special Assistant to Secretaries of Defense Caspar Weinberger and Frank Carlucci. During his tenure in the Defense Department, Mr. Kopit was awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service. He is a former president of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, and was the vice chair of the Cleveland Bicentennial Commission.

Mr. Kopit's other accomplishments include being listed in the 2007-10 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America* both for Commercial Litigation, and for Bankruptcy & Creditor-Debtor Rights Law. Mr. Kopit is also listed in the 2004-09 editions of "Ohio Super Lawyers" by *Law & Politics* magazine, and is AV[®] Rated by Martindale-Hubbell (its highest available rating for legal ability and professional ethics).

Mr. Kopit received his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School, and earned a B.A., *summa cum laude*, from Tufts University. He resides in Pepper Pike.

Established in 1920, Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP is a full-service law firm of more than 120 attorneys with offices in Cleveland, Columbus, and Akron, Ohio; and Fort Myers and Naples, Florida. More information on the firm can be found at www.hahnlaw.com.

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