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**2010 Diversification Study of Monroe County Jurors
to be Topic at Upcoming MCBA Speakers Forum**

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — In January, 2010, the New York State Courts will conduct a study of Monroe County Jurors to assess whether minorities are underrepresented in the local jury pool. Once completed, the results of the study may serve as a basis for statewide action to address any underrepresentation that is found to exist.

The study also will serve as the topic of an upcoming Speakers Forum, sponsored by the Diversity Committee of the Monroe County Bar Association. Scheduled to speak at the program are Elissa Krauss, Office of Court Research, Hon. Henry J. Scudder, Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, Fourth Dept., Valerie Hans, Professor of Law, Cornell Law School and Charles G. Perreaud, Commissioner of Jurors.

WHAT: Speakers Forum titled “The NYS Jury System: OCA’s Diversification Study of Monroe County Jurors”

WHERE: Monroe County Bar Association, One W. Main Street, 5th Floor

WHEN: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

For more information on this program, please go to www.mcba.org.

About the Monroe County Bar Association

The Monroe County Bar Association, originally formed as the Rochester Bar Association, was organized in 1892. What started with just 25 members, has grown to more than 2,200 law professionals in Monroe County, committed to improving the quality and accessibility of justice; promoting respect and understanding of the law; enhancing professional growth, fulfillment, excellence, collegiality and diversity among its members; and serving as a voice for the law profession. The MCBA is actively involved with both the New York State Bar and the American Bar Associations and is considered one of the premier local bar associations in the country.

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