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New Sign to Shine Bright Downtown at Telesca Center for Justice

Official sign unveiling and lighting to be held tomorrow late afternoon

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — A new sign bearing the name of Senior U.S. District Judge Michael A. Telesca will be lit for the first time on Wednesday, December 2 at 5:15 p.m., at the former Four Corners Building, now named the Telesca Center for Justice.

“The sign unveiling and lighting marks an important partnership that is named for a man who has dedicated his legal career to the rights of individuals, especially those disadvantaged in life.” said Harold A. Kurland, President of the Monroe County Bar Association. “The building with Judge Telesca’s name signifies one of the most fundamental values of American democracy – justice.”

The Telesca Center for Justice houses the offices of four agencies that provide civil legal services for the poor – Empire Justice Center, The Legal Aid Society of Rochester, Monroe County Legal Assistance Center, Volunteer Legal Services Project – as well as the Monroe County Bar Association, The Rubin Center for Education and the Foundation of the Monroe County Bar. The Telesca Center for Justice has a common intake on the 8th floor with shared space and conference rooms throughout the building.

Judge Telesca will officially light the sign for a crowd that includes donors to the building’s Partnership for Equal Justice Campaign as well as government officials and community leaders. Joining Judge Telesca in the lighting will be Justin Vigdor, Chair of the Partnership for Equal Justice Campaign that has raised almost \$1.8M to make the Telesca Center for Justice a reality.

WHAT: Official sign unveiling and lighting of the Telesca Center for Justice

WHERE: Telesca Center for Justice, One W. Main Street

WHEN: Wednesday, December 1, 2009

- 4:30 p.m. – Gathering on 5th floor in The Rubin Center for Education
- 4:45 p.m. – Remarks by Judge Telesca and other government and community leaders
- 5:15 p.m. – Sign lighting by Judge Telesca
- Reception immediately following, with tours of the building available.

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.