

## News Release

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### **Maya Eckstein Receives Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Association Women of Achievement Award**

Hunton & Williams LLP is pleased to announce that firm partner Maya Eckstein was honored by the Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Association (MRWBA) as a 2008 recipient of its Women of Achievement Award. The annual award recognizes members of the Virginia State Bar who have earned the respect of the community for their professional and civic contributions, provided a helping hand to other female attorneys and demonstrated outstanding leadership skills. Eckstein was nominated by Hunton & Williams Partner Virginia Hackney, who was a co-founder of the MRWBA.

"I can't think of anyone who deserves this recognition more than Maya. She is tireless in her devotion to the firm, her colleagues and her community," stated Wally Martinez, managing partner of the firm. "We are proud to have her as a member of the Hunton & Williams team."

Throughout her 11 -year tenure at Hunton & Williams, Eckstein has been a strong advocate for pro bono and community service. In addition to serving on several committees that support volunteer activities in the firm's Richmond office and firmwide, she has devoted numerous hours of service to the Virginia State Bar's Young Lawyers Conference. She spearheaded its Virginia Domestic Violence Safety Project, founded the Crime Victim Compensation Program, and helped develop the Wills for Heroes Program that now serves as a model in other states. During her tenure as President of the organization in 2006, she partnered with the Legal Aid Justice Center to produce a Juvenile Rights Handbook for teenagers. For her service, she was recognized as the 1999 R. Edwin Burnette, Jr. Young Lawyer of the Year by the Conference and later received the organization's 2000 and 2003 Service Awards. She continues to serve as a member of the Board of Governors of the Virginia State Bar Litigation Section.

In addition to her work with the Virginia State Bar, Maya has served on the board of directors of the Virginia League for Planned Parenthood and the Flagler Home at Saint Joseph's Villa, a two-year transitional housing program for homeless women and their children. She received national recognition for her pro bono efforts and public service in 2003 as a recipient of the third annual Sandra Day O'Connor Award for Professional Service by the American Inns of Court.

Eckstein's professional successes include, among others, being AV Rated in Martindale-Hubbell, listed among the *The Best Lawyers in America*, recognized as an "Up and Comer" in Chambers USA, and named one of *Virginia Business* magazine's "Legal Elite" and *Inside Business's* "Top 40 under 40."



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In her introductory remarks at the December 3 awards ceremony, Rudene Bascomb, Hunton & Williams partner, said the following about her colleague: “Maya has continued to serve as an inspiration to female attorneys throughout our firm and in the legal community generally. She is a tenacious, well-respected litigator, and despite the demands of her vibrant intellectual property practice, she has excelled equally in pro bono and civic-minded activities.”

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