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**Colonel (US Air Force, Retired) Linda Strite Murnane – recipient of the 2008
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During the ABA Annual Conference in New York City this August, the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession will present Colonel Linda Strite Murnane with the prestigious Margaret Brent Award. Colonel Murnane has paved the way for women lawyers in the military, opening doors that were historically closed to them, and advancing opportunities for women in the military as well as championing the rights and opportunities of women and minorities generally. Colonel Murnane's historical review of the legislative changes, which have literally transformed the Armed Forces' approach to women in their ranks, was recently published by the Duke Law Journal of Gender Law and Policy and details the very difficult challenges that she and other women faced during the period in which she served her country. Colonel Murnane is currently serving as a Senior Legal Officer at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague, Netherlands, and is currently the Chair of the National Conference of Specialized Court Judges for the Judicial Division.