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**JANE HOFFMAN TO RECEIVE 2007 EXCELLENCE IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF ANIMAL LAW AWARD**

CHICAGO, July 9, 2007 — The American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section will honor Jane Hoffman of New York with the Excellence in the Advancement of Animal Law Award. The award will be presented during the 2007 ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco at the Westin St. Francis Hotel at the Animal Law Committee Reception on August 11, 2007. The reception will be held from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in Elizabethan Room D, on the second floor.

The Excellence in the Advancement of Animal Law Award recognizes exceptional work by a member or leader of an international, national, regional, state or local animal law committee, who through his/her commitment and leadership, has made an impact in the advancement of the humane treatment of animals.

Hoffman is president and chairman of the Board for the Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals ("Alliance"). Created in 2002, the Alliance, which acts as a liaison between the government of the City of New York and the NYC animal care community, is a coalition of more than 90 NYC animal rescue groups and shelters that have joined together to reduce the killing of cats and dogs in NYC shelters. In 2005, the Alliance was awarded a \$15 million dollar multi-year grant from Maddie's Fund to help make NYC a city in which no cat or dog is killed simply because it does not have a home.

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**ANIMAL LAW AWARD, Add One**

Prior to creating the Alliance, Hoffman was in private practice focusing on executive compensation and estate planning. Additionally, she has worked as a vice president and senior consultant at Handy Associates, a management consulting firm; and was an associate at the New York office of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, where she practiced in the areas of taxation and executive compensation.

Hoffman helped found the New York City Bar Association's Committee on Legal Issues Pertaining to Animals in 1990. The LIPA Committee is believed to be one of the first animal law committees in the country. She has moderated many of the committee's popular evening programs and annual conferences, including the 1999 groundbreaking conference on "The Legal Status of Non-Human Animals."

In connection with her work with the Alliance, Hoffman speaks extensively around the country on the Alliance public-private partnership as a replicable model for bringing together animal welfare groups to develop creative solutions to companion animal overpopulation and animal control issues. Alliances modeled on the NYC Alliance now exist in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Tulsa, Oklahoma. Alliances are in formation in Baltimore, Maryland, and other areas.

Hoffman has a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School, an M.L.S. from Long Island University and a B.A. from Boston College.

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