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## **ALFA International, the Global Legal Network, Elects Sarah H. Lamar (Hunter Maclean, Savannah, GA) to Serve as Chairwoman**

*First woman elected to lead dynamic global legal network*

**Chicago, Illinois (October 29, 2009)** – It was announced this past week, Sarah H. Lamar, a partner at Hunter Maclean in Savannah, GA, was elected chair of ALFA International, one of the largest legal networks in the world, at the organization's annual meeting in Chicago, IL. Ms. Lamar, the first woman chosen to lead the global legal network, recently completed a two-year term as vice chair. She also previously served on ALFA International's Board of Directors and the Labor & Employment Practice Group Steering Committee.

Lamar practices employment law and has represented employers in litigation in state and federal courts regarding discrimination as well as breach-of-contract and tort claims. In addition, she conducts in-house training for employers and advises clients on a wide range of human resource issues.

"I'm looking forward to working even more closely with the ALFA leadership and enhancing our growing network of member business law firms all over the world," Lamar said. "The legal network concept ultimately benefits clients around the globe by connecting a business's needs with legal expertise in an efficient, cost-effective manner."

ALFA International is an organization of independent law firms. ALFA International's membership is comprised of 130 international law firms (78 U.S. based firms, 52 non U.S. based firms) employing over 9,500 lawyers and 10,000 other legal professionals. Member firms are located in nearly every U.S. state as well as in Canada, Mexico, Europe, Latin and South America and the Pacific Rim. ALFA International's basic objective, accomplished through its member firms and their activities, is to improve the quality and efficiency of legal services and to provide those services to clients within a reasonable and value oriented cost formula across jurisdictions around the world.

According to Dick Hetke, ALFA International's CEO, "Sarah's leadership skills coupled with her dynamic vision for the ALFA organization ensures that we will continue to

expand and develop to meet the global business and legal needs of clients around the globe.”

ALFA International member firms supplement their own expertise and resources with those of other law firms in the network. Consequently, ALFA International clients may reap the benefit of a geographically comprehensive network of exceptional law firms and avoid the pitfalls of retaining counsel in unfamiliar jurisdictions. Hunter Maclean serves as ALFA International's exclusive member firm in Savannah.

Lamar earned a B.A. in History from Yale University and a J.D. from the Emory University School of Law. She is admitted to the bars of Georgia, the District of Columbia and the federal courts in Georgia.

An active community volunteer, Lamar currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Savannah Area Tourism Leadership Council and the Savannah Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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