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**The Charleston County Bar Association Holds its  
Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers**

CHARLESTON, SC (Feb. 17, 2017) – Members of the Charleston County Bar Association (CCBA) gathered at the Francis Marion Hotel on Thursday, Feb. 16 for their annual meeting. During the gathering, the new officers and members of the Executive Committee were installed. Additionally, the Bar recognized those attorneys who have served in the legal profession for more than 50 years and eulogized those members of the Bar who died during the past year.

Elizabeth Scott Moïse, a partner at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP who will serve as CCBA president during the upcoming year, gave the keynote address during the meeting. During her speech, she identified two primary goals for her presidency: education and community service.

The first goal of education will focus on two projects. In a Street Law project, CCBA members will go into a local public high school to teach about the law and lead exercises in which the students actively put their skills to work. For the second project, Cockey's Reading Express, CCBA members will promote literacy in local elementary schools and educate the students about the legal profession.

“The Charleston County Bar Association recognizes the vital role that education has played in our attorneys’ lives and wants to promote legal-related education in our local schools so students better understand the law and our profession,” Moïse said. “Another intended benefit of these programs is to promote increased diversity in our profession in the years to come.”

In addition to these programs, the CCBA is the founding member of the Charleston Forum, a live event to be held on June 16 in which local community and national leaders will address different perspectives on racial and social issues that were highlighted in the aftermath of the Emanuel AME massacre in downtown Charleston.

Moïse, a graduate of the University Of South Carolina School of Law, is a litigator whose practice focuses on insurance coverage, products liability, and commercial law defense.

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The incoming officers and members of the Executive Committee for 2017-2018 are:

Officers

President – Elizabeth Scott Moïse, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP

President-Elect – A. Peter Shahid Jr., Shahid Law Office, LLC

Secretary/Treasurer – Debra J. Gammons, Distinguished Visiting Professor and Director of the  
Office of Diversity, Charleston School of Law

Immediate Past President – Brian C. Duffy, Duffy & Young, LLC

Executive Committee

Christy Ford Allen, Wills Massalon & Allen LLC

Ryan D. Bluestein, Bluestein, Johnson & Burke, LLC

Rhett DeHart, U.S. Attorney's Office

J. Matthew Dillon, General Counsel at MVP Group International, Inc

J. Kevin Holmes, Steinberg Law Firm, LLP

Russell “Britt” Kelly, Kelly Law Firm, LLC

Joseph Mendelsohn, Mendelsohn Law Firm

Margie A. Pizarro, Pizarro Law Firm, LLC

Mary A. Vosburgh, Staff Attorney at One80 Place

David Wolf, Wolf & Wolf, LLC

About the Charleston County Bar Association

The Charleston County Bar Association is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting ethics and education within Charleston County's legal community as well as assisting the public through outreach programs and service projects. It consists of more than 2,000 members.

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