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D'Alemberte named to board of Florida Justice Association

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Gabrielle D'Alemberte, an attorney with the Law Offices of Robert Parks PL, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Florida Justice Association. D'Alemberte will act as the Third District Court of Appeals liaison.

In addition to reporting about the issues being raised and decided by the Third District Court of Appeals, D'Alemberte will be involved in the 2008 and 2010 election cycles lobbying in Tallahassee on issues affecting caps in personal injury cases, access to courts and consumer protection laws, and helping to educate the Florida public on issues that affect their rights.

"D'Alemberte is a valuable addition to our board," said Stephen Rosenthal, an appellate attorney with the law firm of Podhurst Orseck PA. "She has terrific insight and is part of a select group of female trial attorneys with vast experience in trying personal injury cases."

D'Alemberte, a sixth generation Florida lawyer and daughter of Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte, former Florida State University president and former president of the American Bar Association, has more than a decade of trial experience. With a focus on judicial merit retention, D'Alemberte recently served on the Florida Bar's Judicial Evaluation Committee.

D'Alemberte began her Florida law career in Tallahassee under Gov. Charlie Crist when he was Secretary to the

Department of Business and Financial Regulation. Later, she moved to the Attorney General's Office under the direction of former Florida Attorney General Bob Butterworth, who was appointed by Crist to head the Department of Children and Families.



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"It is an exciting time to be a trial lawyer," D'Alemberte said. "People are open to learning who is fighting on their side and protecting their interests. During my career, the Florida Justice Association has been consistently committed to the rights of Florida citizens, and I am honored to

serve on their board of directors."

In 2009, the Florida Justice Association (formerly known as the Academy of Trial Lawyers) will celebrate its 50th year in Florida. D'Alemberte has a goal of raising awareness outside of the plaintiff's bar and hopes to encourage small and mid-size businesses to join the EAGLE program — the Florida Justice Association's fundraising arm, which contributes to programs that help raise public awareness.

D'Alemberte currently resides in Coral Gables with her husband, Dana Berman; daughter, Willoughby, and three stepchildren, Haley, Kamryn and Ethan Berman.

The Law Offices of Robert Parks PL, is a Coral Gables-based trial firm specializing in product liability, negligent security, aviation, class action lawsuits and contingency commercial litigation.

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