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Robert Clifford Appointed Chair of Newly Created ABA Task Force

CHICAGO, IL (June 2014) – Robert A. Clifford, senior partner at <u>Clifford Law Offices</u>, has been appointed by the President of the American Bar Association (ABA) to Chair a newly-created task force that will deal with policies, strategies and tactics for the recruitment and retention of new members.

James R. Silkenat, ABA President from New York, appointed Clifford as Chair of the Task Force to Examine Association Policies Impacting Recruitment and Retention of Law Students and Young Lawyers. Part of the Task Force's duties is to create a consistent approach and policy to help recruit new members, including law students, and coordinate these recruitment measures with various constituent groups throughout the organization.

The Task Force was created as a result of a recommendation of the ABA Standing Committee on Membership. Cheryl Niro of Chicago serves as the lead ABA staff person working on this Task Force. The Task Force is expected to issue a report and recommendations to the ABA Board of Governors on which it can act.

Clifford, who has served three consecutive terms as the Illinois State Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates, will be stepping down in August after the maximum term limit is up. Paula Holderman of Winston & Strawn will replace him in that position at the ABA Annual Meeting in Boston.

To learn more about Robert A. Clifford, please visit: http://bit.lv/1rGel1v.

About Robert A. Clifford

Robert A. Clifford was named by Chicago Magazine as one of the top 100 Most Powerful Chicagoans in 2013 and Crain's Chicago Business named Clifford once again as one of the "most influential people in Chicago" in 2013. Clifford remains committed to raising the quality of the practice of law in the state of Illinois and promoting civility. He was named the 2012 Chicago Lawyer Person of the Year. Based upon his trial accomplishments, and his contributions to the legal community and the Chicago area, his colleagues nominated him for the prestigious honor given to one person each year. He is the founder of Clifford Law Offices, a nationally recognized personal injury law firm in Chicago concentrating in aviation, transportation, personal injury, medical negligence, and product liability law. To learn more about Robert Clifford visit http://cliffordlaw.com/attorneys/robert-a-clifford/

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