

## **Randall J. Dean Appointed as New President of Association of Southern California Defense Counsel**

*Local Attorney to be Introduced at Annual Conference of Largest Southern California Defense Organization*

**LOS ANGELES (March 18, 2008)** — Randall J. Dean, a partner at Los Angeles-based law firm Chapman, Glucksman & Dean, will be announced as the incoming president of the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel (ASCDC), the nation's largest state civil defense organization, at its 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar held March 27-28. Dean's one-year term officially became effective on Feb. 1, 2008. This year's ASCDC Annual Seminar will be held at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

"It is an honor to represent a group of professionals whom I hold in such high regard," said Dean. "I am ready to start my term as president of the organization and am also gratified to see our great organization once again bring such actionable and topical subject matter to its members through its annual seminar."

As the president of ASCDC, Dean will determine programming for the organization's annual seminar with the group's executive board, and has indicated that one of his highest priorities will be to find ways to make the association more relevant on a daily basis to its members. A professional malpractice specialist who also focuses on business litigation, Dean is a partner and practicing attorney at Chapman, Glucksman & Dean. He is a member of the Los Angeles Superior Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, Los Angeles County Bar Judicial Evaluation Committee, American Bar Association, Los Angeles County, Orange County and Santa Monica Bar Associations, and the Defense Research Institute. He has successfully tried, arbitrated and mediated numerous high-profile disputes.

"Mr. Dean has shown tremendous leadership and vision when it comes to the study and practice of the law," said Phillip A. Baker, last year's president of the ASCDC. "Ours is an active and focused organization and we believe he will provide us with the direction and drive needed to attain our collective goals."

The ASCDC's 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar will feature peer-to-peer information exchange sessions including those addressing construction defects, medical damages, e-Discovery and negotiation ethics. A panel discussion, led by Michael Belote and Senator Tom Harman (District SD35), on the state's \$14 billion shortfall will be presented at the seminar on Friday, followed by the inspiring story of the prosecution of the Birmingham Bombers. The two-day

engagement will culminate with a keynote address from Tony Snow, who served as the White House Press Secretary for the current Bush Administration from May, 2006 until September, 2007. Snow has spent more than 25 years in the news business, getting his start as an editorial writer for the *Greensboro Record* in North Carolina. He will provide seminar attendees with insight on the current political landscape and identify potential opportunities for candidates on both sides of the aisle.

To learn more about 2008 ASCDC President, Randall J. Dean, visit [www.CGDlaw.com](http://www.CGDlaw.com). For additional information about the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, visit [www.ASCDC.org](http://www.ASCDC.org).