

Choate, Hall & Stewart Names Kathleen Henry as the Firm's New Hiring and Pro Bono Partner

Boston, MA, April 25, 2008 – Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP has announced that Kathleen (Kathy) Cloherty Henry, a partner in the firm's Insurance & Reinsurance Group, will become Choate's first full time Hiring and Pro Bono Partner. As part of her new role, Henry will become Co-Chair of the Hiring Committee and the partner in charge of the firm's extensive Pro Bono Program. Henry will report directly to the firm's managing partners.

The naming of Henry to this important new position represents a significant allocation of firm resources and illustrates the firm's commitment to its outstanding Legal Recruiting and Pro Bono Programs.

"Over the years, the partners involved in our hiring and pro bono efforts have practiced law while devoting substantial time to steering these programs. We were looking at bringing additional senior resources to these key areas when Kathy Henry expressed interest in taking on these roles full time," said William Gelnow and John Nadas, co-managing partners of Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP. "While we didn't want to lose Kathy's considerable talents as a practicing lawyer, the combination of her unique skills and the ever increasing importance of recruiting and pro bono to our firm made the choice very clear. Kathy was absolutely the perfect person for the position."

Henry has spent much of her life and career in the public service arena. After graduating from BU *magna cum laude* in 1995 (with a full academic scholarship), Henry spent one year as a volunteer with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Brooklyn, NY, where she worked in a storefront soup kitchen helping people in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn (one of the poorest Congressional districts in the country) navigate the complexities of applying for public assistance, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and housing. Many of her clients were HIV positive, so Henry joined the Brooklyn Aids Task Force to become more educated about the disease. Through that organization, Henry got involved with the Birch Family Camp, which runs a program for families who have a child with HIV. For eight summers, Henry spent her vacations volunteering for 10 days as a camp counselor at the camp.

After working her way through law school at Northeastern University (where she was an active volunteer with the Co-operative Income Sharing Program and the Law Clinic Advisory Council), Henry joined Choate in 2000.

After joining Choate, Henry got involved with the firm's pro bono program for the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project (PAIR), a not-for-profit organization that provides pro bono services to asylum-seekers and immigrants in detention. When Choate received the Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year Award in 2004 from PAIR, Henry was the attorney chosen to accept the award on Choate's behalf. She also handles pro bono cases for the Women's Bar Foundation Family Law Project for Battered Women.

In 2004, Henry was one of 10 leaders from across the state to be nominated to the Boston Bar Association's (BBA) first Public Interest Leadership Program. The goal of the group was to steer development of a program to foster peer involvement in public interest, civic, and pro bono work. Choate donated 250 hours of Henry's time during the one-year program. One of her big projects was collaborating with the Boston Medical Center to study the adverse health impact on children caused by cuts in legal funding. In 2005, Henry became a member of a new BBA Public Service Committee, which was created to evaluate the different programs that receive BBA funding.

In 2006, Henry received one of the "Ten Outstanding Young Leader (TOYL) Awards" presented each year by the Boston Junior Chamber of Commerce (Boston Jaycees) to 10 individuals between the ages of 21 and 40 who have demonstrated outstanding community leadership and commitment. Previous recipients of this distinguished award include John F. Kennedy, Leonard Bernstein, Sumner Redstone, and Leonard Zakim.

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