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John Marshall's Kathryn Kennedy Inducted Into American College of Employee Benefits Counsel

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CHICAGO , NOVEMBER 24, 2009)...The American College of Employee Benefits Counsel (ACEBC) has inducted **Kathryn J. Kennedy**, Associate Dean for Advanced Studies and Research at **The John Marshall Law School**, as a new Fellow. Kennedy is one of only 22 employee benefits attorneys nationwide to receive this year's distinction.

Fellows of the ACEBC are chosen for their significant contributions to the advancement of the employee benefits field. They are required to have 20 years experience in the field of employee benefits law and to have demonstrated a sustained commitment to public awareness and understanding of benefits laws - through writing and speaking activities, public policy analysis, and public education or public service efforts.

"We are very pleased to add Katie Kennedy as a new Fellow. Her service to the employee benefits community and the public exemplifies what the College was created to recognize. In particular, her nationally recognized leadership with regard to the teaching of employee benefits law has been of great benefit to innumerable lawyers and the public at large," said David E. Gordon, President of the College.

The ACEBC, a non-profit organization, was formed in recognition of significant legal and social policy issues impacting the regulation and management of pension, retirement group health, welfare and disability plans. The College's mission is to foster excellence in the practice of employee benefits law and advance public understanding of employee benefits.

In addition to her role as Associate Dean, Kennedy serves as Director of John Marshall's Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits – a legal education program which provides students with the opportunity to develop their skills in a law practice setting. In this role, she established the first LLM program in the nation for employee benefits, and has since developed the curriculum for more than 20 employee benefits courses at the law school.

Kennedy currently serves on the IRS' Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities (ACT). She has also served on the Department of Labor's ERISA Advisory Council, and co-authored an employee benefits textbook entitled *Employee Benefits Law: Qualification and ERISA Requirements*, as part of the LexisNexis graduate tax series.

She joined The John Marshall Law School faculty after several years of private practice at the law firm of McDermott Will & Emery, and as an adjunct professor specializing in employee benefits law. Kennedy has published numerous articles on employee benefits law and has testified before the U.S. Senate Finance Committee on several occasions. In addition, she has proposed legislation in the area of executive deferred compensation plans and has held leadership positions on the employee benefits committees of various local, regional and national bar associations.

She graduated from Drake University in 1974 (B.S. with honors) and Northwestern University School of Law in 1980 (J.D., summa cum laude).