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**USLAW ELECTS MICHAEL SISTRUNK AS NEW CHAIR**

**CORAL SPRINGS, Florida (October 5, 2009)** – USLAW NETWORK, a national organization of 61 independent US law firms in 47 states, announced that Michael R. Sistrunk of McCranie Sistrunk Anzelmo Hardy McDaniel & Welch, P.C. in New Orleans, Louisiana, has been elected as the 2009-10 USLAW NETWORK Chair. Sistrunk succeeds Renée F. McElhaney of Cox Smith Matthews Incorporated, San Antonio, Texas. The announcement was made at the organization's annual membership meeting held in San Francisco, California.

Since graduating from LSU Law school in 1976 at age 22, Mr. Sistrunk has been primarily responsible for major litigation of personal injury liability claims including claims of hotel-innkeeper liability, trucking liability, asbestosis, insurance coverage and fraud, intentional torts, alleged police misconduct, and medical malpractice cases with the value in excess of \$100,000. He has also served as trial counsel in matters involving wrongful denial of coverage and suits against public bodies, corporate officers and directors. He is a founding director of the firm and is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

"It is an honor to lead USLAW and our 4,000 plus members who represent some of the best trial, commercial and transactional attorneys across the US," Sistrunk said. "In-house counsel and risk managers rely on USLAW to handle their national and international legal needs, which is a true testament to our members' experience, skill and quality."

In addition to Mr. Sistrunk, USLAW also announced the following members of its 2009-2010 Board of Directors:

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