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**Leahy & DeSmet, LLC Recognized Among mid-Atlantic
Top 100 Minority and Women Businesses**
Will Receive an Award at the October 21st Ceremony

Calverton, Maryland (October 2010) – Leahy & DeSmet, LLC is proud to announce that Andrea Leahy-Fuchek, Managing Member of Leahy & DeSmet, LLC has been selected to receive the prestigious Top 100 Minority Business® Enterprise Award. In its fifth year, this program is designed to acknowledge and pay tribute to outstanding women and minority business owners in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia. The awards ceremony will take place at the Inn and Conference Center at University of Maryland University College in Adelphi, Maryland on Thursday, October 21, 2010.

A panel of distinguished judges chose Leahy & DeSmet, LLC from 5,000 nominations. Selection was based on entrepreneurs who demonstrated outstanding achievement in four key areas: entrepreneurship, client satisfaction, professional and community contributions. This year's ceremony sponsor organizations are: The Center for Business Inclusion and Diversity (CBID); the University of Maryland University College (UMUC); Southwest Airlines; HMSHost; PNC Bank, the State of Maryland, and greiBO media.

“Leahy & DeSmet, LLC represents the best of what our regions minority business community has to offer,” said Sharon R. Pinder, CEO of the Center for Business Inclusion and Diversity and founder of the Top 100 MBE® Awards Ceremony. “This award is the culmination of sacrifice, dedication and hard work and will inspire future minority business entrepreneurs to strive for the same level of success.”

“Leahy & DeSmet is proud to be recognized as one of the region's Top 100 Minority and Women businesses” said Andrea Leahy-Fuchek, Managing Member of Leahy & DeSmet. “Our core mission is ensuring that our clients receive the highest quality services at affordable rates and our experience and reputation with regard to quality of service, civility and ethics are significant benefits to our clients.”

Leahy & DeSmet, LLC is a woman owned law firm whose attorneys and staff take a team oriented approach in providing clients with the time, attention, resources and advocacy that they expect and deserve. We concentrate our legal practice in civil litigation, administrative law, corporate transactions, state and federal procurement, construction law, intellectual property law that includes patent, trademark and copyright prosecution and licensing, election law, business law, land use, employment law, contract preparation, and the resolution of commercial disputes in the courts and by alternative dispute resolution procedures such as arbitration and mediation.

To obtain tickets for the 2010 Top 100 MBE® Awards Ceremony or for a complete listing of this year's winners, please visit www.top100mbe.com. Please visit, www.leahylegal.com for more information about Leahy & DeSmet, LLC.

