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Carlile Patchen & Murphy Attorney Named One of 2009 Most Powerful and Influential Women in Ohio

Columbus, OH – November 3, 2009 – Marie-Joëlle C. Khouzam, a partner at the law firm Carlile Patchen & Murphy LLP, has been named by the National Diversity Council as one of 2009's Most Powerful and Influential Women in Ohio.

Launched in 2008, the National Diversity Council is a non-profit organization that champions diversity as a business imperative. Chapters serve as resources for businesses seeking to develop their diversity and inclusion efforts and provide ongoing learning and best practice-sharing opportunities to advance corporate leadership education and awareness of diversity. Current state councils include Texas, Florida, California, New York, Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

"I am humbled to be named among such an outstanding group of business leaders," Khouzam said.

This list of women, compiled from submitted nominations and research conducted by the organization's staff, includes leaders from corporate entities, higher education institutions and the public sector. The recipients named to the list demonstrate leadership excellence, maintain a record of accomplishments throughout their careers, are major contributors to their fields of work, significantly impact the profitability and direction of their organizations, and are committed to the well-being of the community.

A breakfast honoring those named to the list will be held on November 5, 2009, at the Hyatt Hotel on Capitol Square in conjunction with the 2009 Ohio Diversity and Leadership Conference.

Khouzam concentrates on representing employers/management in Labor and Employment Law matters, Workers' Compensation and Municipal Law. She also focuses on representation and defense of property owners and property managers in fair-housing discrimination cases.

Khouzam is a member of the Ohio Management Lawyers Association, Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association, Columbus Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Association and American Bar Association. She served on the Columbus Bar Association's Board of Governors, and chaired the Labor & Employment Law and Community Service Committees. She currently serves on the boards of Children's Hunger Alliance and Members First Credit Union, and is president of the Grandview/Marble Cliff Area Chamber of Commerce.

Khouzam speaks and writes extensively on employment law topics and creates customized training for companies. She received a Rotary 2008 Northwest Woman of the Year award

recipient, is consistently listed in Ohio Super Lawyers, is listed in Best Lawyers in America and is a Columbus Bar Association Community Service award recipient.

The law firm of Carlile Patchen & Murphy has, for more than 40 years, concentrated on responsively serving all of the legal and business needs of mid-sized Central Ohio businesses and their owners and executives. Beyond the traditional legal advice, the firm provides clients the benefit of its extensive experience in counseling on financing, tax and estate planning, employment, operations, and business succession.

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