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**HON. JOE LEE NAMED AS 2003 RECIPIENT OF
LAWRENCE P. KING AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN
FIELD OF BANKRUPTCY BY CLLA BANKRUPTCY SECTION**

September 25, 2003, Chicago, IL - The Bankruptcy Section of the Commercial Law League of America announced today that The Honorable Joe Lee, United States Bankruptcy Judge, Eastern District of Kentucky has been selected to receive the 2003 Lawrence P. King Award for Excellence in the Field of Bankruptcy. This award is presented to recognize that lawyer, judge, teacher or legislator who exemplifies the best in scholarship, advocacy, judicial administration or legislative activities in the field of bankruptcy as epitomized by Professor King.

The award will be presented to Judge Lee at the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges on October 16, 2003 in San Diego, CA at the 15th Annual CLLA Breakfast.

Judge Lee has served for more than 40 years as a United States Bankruptcy Judge in the Eastern District of Kentucky. He has been a principal figure in bankruptcy reform and scholarship. He is known for working tirelessly to assure the fair treatment of parties before him and the continued improvement of the bankruptcy system. He received his law degree from the University of Kentucky in 1955. He has served as the President of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. He has testified before House and Senate Judiciary subcommittees on eight occasions while the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978 was being formulated and on six occasions since the Code was enacted. He is a recipient of the Kentucky Bar Association Outstanding Judge Award (1991) and was inducted into the University of Kentucky College of Law

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Hall of Fame (1998).

This award was established to celebrate the life and achievements of Professor Lawrence King, who died in April, 2001. Professor King spent more than forty years as a full-time faculty member of New York University School of Law, his alma mater. In addition to his teaching, he served as a consultant to the Commission of Bankruptcy Laws of the United States which led to the enactment of the Bankruptcy Code of 1978. He also served over 20 years on the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules of the Judicial Conference of the United States. He was a Senior Advisor to the National Bankruptcy Review Commission. In addition, Professor King was editor-in-chief of the treatise Collier on Bankruptcy.

In 2002, the King Award for Excellence was presented to Elizabeth Warren, the Leo Gottlieb Professor of Law at Harvard University.

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The Commercial Law League of America (CLLA), founded in 1895, is the nation's oldest organization of attorneys and other experts in credit and finance actively engaged in the field of commercial law, bankruptcy and reorganization. The CLLA has long been associated with the representation of creditor interests, while at the same time seeking fair, equitable and efficient administration of bankruptcy cases for all parties in interest. The Bankruptcy Section of the CLLA is made up of approximately 1,000 bankruptcy lawyers and bankruptcy judges from virtually every state in the United States. Its members include practitioners with both small and large practices, who represent divergent interests in bankruptcy cases. The CLLA has testified on numerous occasions before Congress as experts in the bankruptcy and reorganization fields.

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