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Former summer associate joins Plunkett Cooney

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI – October 22, 2007 – A member of Plunkett Cooney’s 2006 summer associate program, Katherine Mendel recently joined the firm as an attorney of its Bloomfield Hills office.

Mendel works in the Professional Liability Practice Group, where she concentrates her practice in the areas of legal, accounting and real estate malpractice. She currently represents clients in litigation and before the Professional Standards Committee of the Michigan Association of Realtors.

“As a summer associate, Katie showed a great deal of skill and adept thinking when handling client matters,” said Robert G. Kamenec, Plunkett Cooney’s Insurance/Professional Liability Department Leader. “She shows all the qualities we look for in an attorney, and we know she will competently and professionally assist clients with their matters.”

While participating in Plunkett Cooney’s 2006 summer associate program, Mendel gained experience in the areas of appellate law and complex litigation. That same year, she completed an internship in the Detroit Immigration Court.

Mendel is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the American Bar Association and the Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers.

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A 2007 *cum laude* graduate of Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Mendel received several academic awards, including the Eugene Krasicky Award for most valuable contribution to Law Review for which she served as an Assistant Editor, and a certificate of merit for advanced research and writing on the topic of workers' compensation.

Mendel received her undergraduate degree, *magna cum laude*, from Saint Louis University in Missouri. While there, she participated in the school's study abroad program in Madrid, Spain.

Plunkett Cooney's Professional Liability Practice Group defends especially sensitive matters that arise from claims made against individuals, including elected officials, as well as professionals in private practice. In addition to defending litigation, members of the practice group represent professionals in licensing and regulatory matters that arise both independently and as a result of malpractice claims.

Established in 1913, Plunkett Cooney is one of Michigan's largest full-service law firms with 150 attorneys in nine offices state wide, as well as one in Columbus, Ohio. The firm has achieved the highest rating awarded by Martindale-Hubbell, a leading, international directory of law firms.

For more information about Katherine Mendel joining Plunkett Cooney's Professional Liability Practice Group, contact the firm's Practice Development Manager, John Cornwell, at (248) 901-4008.

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