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## CEB ANNOUNCES ANNUAL SPIRIT OF CEB AWARDS AT STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA ANNUAL MEETING

Continuing Education of the Bar • California (CEB) announced the recipients of the annual Spirit of CEB Awards on September 23, 2010, in a luncheon cosponsored by CEB at the 83rd Annual Meeting of the State Bar of California in Monterey. Over the last 63 years, the key to the success of CEB's programs and publications has been the public spirit of the attorneys who have volunteered to speak and write for CEB. These individuals—inspired to share what they've learned with colleagues, to teach succeeding generations of lawyers, and to improve the practice of law—have made an enduring contribution to the continuing education of attorneys through their work.

To acknowledge these contributors and their service to the legal profession, CEB initiated the "Spirit of CEB" Awards in 2005. These awards recognize the recipients' generous service to the legal community and to California at large, as well as their ongoing contributions to CEB publications and programs.

The recipients of these awards have helped CEB continue a long tradition of providing insightful, practical guidance to the Bench and Bar, elevating the practice of law. These awards are an acknowledgment of the generous sharing of knowledge by these colleagues for the betterment of the legal profession and the society it serves.

The 2010 Spirit of CEB Awards were given to eight individuals from five law practice areas, all of them authors of CEB's legal publications or volunteer speakers at CEB's CLE seminars.

"We are indebted to these attorneys," said CEB Director Pamela Jester. "They have made—and continue to make—a significant contribution to the practice of law in California. CEB's service to the California legal community would not be possible without the generous dedication of the many attorneys who have volunteered to speak and write for CEB."

The recipients of the 2010 Spirit of CEB Awards are:

**PROGRAM SPEAKERS**

*Family Law*

**Michael C. Tobriner**, Law Offices of Michael C. Tobriner, San Francisco

*Business Law*

**Margaret Hart Edwards**, Littler Mendelson, San Francisco

*Estate Planning*

**James R. Birnberg**, Oldman, Cooley, Sallus, Gold, Birnberg & Coleman LLP, Encino

*Real Property*

**David M. Van Atta**, Hanna & Van Atta, Palo Alto

**PUBLICATION AUTHORS**

*Civil Litigation*

**Mitchell E. Abbott**, Richards, Watson & Gershon, Los Angeles

*Real Property*

**James E. Acret**, Pacific Palisades

*Business Law*

**Ellen A. Friedman**, Friedman Dumas & Springwater LLP, San Francisco

*Estate Planning*

**Sandra Price**, Sideman & Bancroft LLP, San Francisco

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