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### **ELA Announces New President and Board of Directors To Serve in 2008**

Dayton, OH—December 14, 2007—At the Education Law Association's (ELA) 53rd Annual Conference, held November 15-17, 2007, in San Diego, California, the organization announced the new 2008 President and Board of Directors.

Christopher P. Borreca, Partner at Bracewell & Giuliani LLP in Houston, Texas, will serve as President of the Education Law Association for 2008. Mr. Borreca joined the firm in 1991 as a litigator and became actively involved in school law practice in 1993. He was the Education Director of the Center for the Retarded, Inc. in Houston for nine years before becoming an attorney and has extensive experience in special education issues, as well as contract issues, student issues, employment issues, and other school law matters. Mr. Borreca also serves as an adjunct professor of education law at the University of Houston. He is a graduate of Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, The University of Wisconsin at Madison, and The University of Houston Law Center.

Mr. Borreca has been active with the Education Law Association since 1996. He has served on numerous committees including the Employment Networking Committee (Chair), the Technology Committee, and has served as Chairperson for the 2005 Conference Committee. He has also served on the Board of Directors from 2000-2004. In 2005, he was elected First Vice President and assumed the role of President in November of 2007.

Other members of the ELA executive committee are *Immediate Past President* M. David Alexander of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Virginia; *President Elect* Kathleen Crume of Academy School District Twenty in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and newly elected *Vice President* Brad Colwell of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. The six board members who will continue to serve are Kathleen Conn of Neumann College in Aston, Pennsylvania; Edwin Darden of Appleseed in Washington, D.C.; David Doty of the Utah System of Higher Education in Salt Lake City, Utah; J. Patrick Mahon of Young Harris, Georgia; Patrick Pauken of Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio; and L. Dean Webb of Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona. Newly elected board members include John W. Borkowski of Hogan & Hartson LLP in South Bend, Indiana; Susan G. Clark of the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio; and Preston Green of Pennsylvania State University in University Park, Pennsylvania.

Executive Director Mandy Schrank looks forward to 2008. "I see the coming year as one of significant growth in all areas for ELA, especially with the given leadership and skills of Chris Borreca. I look forward to working with our current staff, board members, and all our dedicated ELA volunteers to ensure that 2008 is a productive and successful year."

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