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Immediate Release

Trigiani Named 2011 President of Virginia Bar Association

Richmond, VA (February 14, 2011) . . . The Virginia Bar Association (VBA) installed Lucia Anna "Pia" Trigiani as 2011 president during the Association's annual meeting held in Williamsburg, VA. The VBA is a statewide, voluntary professional organization with more than 5,500 lawyers and judges as members.

Trigiani, a real estate attorney and founding partner of MercerTrigiani law firm, is a leading authority on common interest ownership community associations. Her previous leadership experience includes chairing the 2009 VBA Board of Governors and VBA Real Estate Section Council and serving as a member of the VBA Administrative Law Section Council.

During her tenure, Trigiani will focus VBA legislative and other efforts to advocate for additional funding for legal services for economically disadvantaged Virginians and to lift the freeze on filling vacant judgeships throughout Virginia. "These are two critical initiatives to ensure that the citizens of Virginia have access to justice. Since its founding in 1888, the mission of the Virginia Bar Association has been the improvement of the law and the administration of justice," she explained. We recently affirmed that mission and it is my honor to share that message on behalf of our members."

She also has held senior leadership positions with the national and local organizations of the Community Association Institute (CAI). She is past president of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter of Community Associations Institute (CAI) and has chaired the CAI's Government and Public Affairs Committee. Currently, she chairs the Virginia Common Interest Community Board responsible for licensing and certifying common interest community managers.

Additionally, she serves as a board member of the Foundation for Community Association Research and is a charter fellow of CAI's College of Community Association Lawyers. In 2009, *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* named Trigiani among "Virginia's Influential Women

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A graduate of Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, she received her law degree from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond in 1983.

About MercerTrigiani

MercerTrigiani is a boutique real estate law firm that provides corporate, litigation and public policy legal counsel to more than 400 condominium, property owner, real estate cooperative and timeshare owner associations, real estate developers and individual owners located throughout Virginia and Washington, D.C. The firm currently serves clients at two Virginia locations - 112 South Alfred Street in Alexandria and 16 South Second Street in Richmond.

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