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TO: ABA Judicial Division Members
FROM: Jack L. Brown
Chair, Judicial Division
RE: ABA Justice Center Director and Chief Counsel
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I am pleased to announce that Peter M. Koelling, J.D., has accepted the position as the American Bar Association Justice Center Director and Chief Counsel. Peter will serve as the Director of the Judicial Division and have oversight of other Justice Center entities including the Standing Committee on Judicial Independence, the Standing Committee on Federal Judicial Improvements and the Coalition for Justice. Peter will begin the position on October 21, 2009.

Peter is a graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law, with Distinction, and is presently a Ph.D. candidate at Northern Illinois University. Prior to beginning his graduate studies in public administration, Peter served as Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk of Court of the King County District Courts in Seattle, WA. Peter also served as Civil District Court Administrator in Bexar County, TX. Presently, Peter is teaching in the Masters of Legal Administration program at the University of Denver. Most recently, he was the acting Executive Director and project coordinator for the National Association of Counsel for Children.

Peter brings to the position of ABA Justice Center Director and Chief Counsel a unique blend of skills as lawyer, a dynamic leader; administrator and executive; in depth court and legal experience; and a commitment to public service. We are extremely pleased with this selection.