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STAMFORD RESIDENT MARY MCPHERSON HONORED ON HER RETIREMENT

STAMFORD, CT/March 9, 2009 – Kelley Drye & Warren LLP has honored Mary McPherson upon her retirement as law librarian by making a contribution to the Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut (CGC), a non-profit agency providing professional mental health services to children, adolescents, and their families, where McPherson served as a member of the Board of Directors since 1993. The donation will be used to fund materials for CGC's crisis library located at the agency's downtown Stamford office at 196 Greyrock Place. In recognition of McPherson's years of service, CGC named the library *The Mary McPherson Library*.

Planning a move down south, McPherson, a longtime Stamford resident, retired from Kelley Drye, where she worked as a law librarian since 1998, and from CGC's Board. Nancy Barton, President of CGC's Board, commended McPherson on her unwavering commitment to the agency's cause. "Mary was always promoting CGC's mission and work, and was actively involved with fundraising," Barton said.

McPherson also worked closely with CGC clinical leadership to help research effective practices in children's mental health. "Mary was very involved in her Church and community and tried to encourage parents whose children were troubled or struggling, to seek outside professional help, something that many parents are reluctant to undertake," said Sherry Perlstein, Executive Director of CGC. "Mary helped them see the tremendous value in mental health services in helping kids and families resolve problems that interfere with daily life and healthy development."

John Capetta, Managing Partner of the Stamford office of Kelley Drye, thanked McPherson for her work in the community and at Kelley Drye. "We praise Mary for her work at

CGC and were the daily beneficiaries of her skills as a law librarian. Mary is one of those people who make you look forward to coming to work, by always being willing to lend you a smile from her vast catalogue. We were blessed to have her here, and will miss her dearly.”

Kelley Drye & Warren LLP was founded in 1836 and has more than 375 attorneys and professionals throughout its offices. Kelley Drye provides legal counsel in more than 20 practice areas, and represents some of the world's most accomplished businesses and organizations. The Stamford office of Kelley Drye has been a member of the Stamford business community since 1969.

The Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut is a non-profit mental health resource, serving children and teenagers in Stamford, Greenwich, Darien and New Canaan, both self referred and through referrals from schools, physicians, courts, and public and private human service agencies. The CGC’s clinical staff of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and marriage and family therapists work with more than 2,100 children annually, providing culturally competent and sensitive care to families representative of the rich ethnic mix of communities the CGC serves. Preventive services are provided to youngsters, parents, and professionals through community education and consultation programs.

Incorporated in 1954, the CGC is supported by the Connecticut Department of Children & Families, Connecticut Office of Victim Services and United Ways of Western Connecticut, Greenwich, and New Canaan, the Community Fund of Darien as well as generous individual, foundation, and corporate contributions. www.childguidancect.org

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Pictured, from left: John Capetta, Partner, Kelley, Drye & Warren; Mary McPherson; and Sherry Perlstein, Executive Director, Child Guidance Center