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American Arab-Anti Discrimination Committee – New Jersey Chapter (ADC-NJ)

ADC-NJ Congratulates Executive Board Member Engy Abdelkader on her Appointment to serve on the Board on Continuing Legal Education.

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Clifton, NJ, 02/02/2010 (<http://www.adcnj.us>) - ADC-NJ extends its congratulations to Executive Board Member Engy Abdelkader, Esq., on being appointed by the NJ Supreme Court to serve on the Board on Continuing Legal Education.

The New Jersey Supreme Court adopted new requirements for continuing legal education and created a board to oversee and administer the process. Supreme Court Justice Roberto A. Rivera-Soto was named board chair and retired Superior Court Judge Arthur N. D'Italia was named vice-chair. Chief Justice Stuart Rabner signed an order naming Ms. Abdelkader to the Board on Continuing Legal Education as one of 11 members.

Salaheddin Mustafa, President of ADC-NJ stated, "Ms. Abdelkader has dedicated herself to promoting and protecting the civil, legal and overall human rights of many constituencies. With the many other appointments that current and former Executive Board members have received, this once again demonstrates the growth of our community and the respect that our organization as derived."

In particular Ms. Abdelkader has been recognized for her outstanding work in support of immigrants' rights and as an expert in the area of women's rights. She is currently the Litigation Supervisor in the Immigration Representation Project at Legal Services of New Jersey. Ms. Abdelkader has trained legal services and pro bono attorneys in representing clients with various types of immigration related issues. She is also the author of "A Muslim Woman's Guide to Her Civil Rights: When Faith Practices Trigger Discrimination in America,"

Additionally, she is a co-founder and the immediate past president of the New Jersey Muslim Lawyers Association. In response to the backlash against Arab Americans, Muslims and South Asians in the wake of September 11th, Ms. Abdelkader worked as a cooperating attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union, the Arab-American Justice Project run by the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee in New York, and the Center for Constitutional Rights. With her background in human rights, Ms. Abdelkader volunteers with the U.S. Department of Justice Community Relations Service as a Cultural Competency Trainer on Islam, American Muslims and Arab Americans for law enforcement officials to avoid unnecessary conflict and cultural misunderstandings.

NOTE TO EDITORS: ADC-NJ is a grass roots organization dedicated to protecting civil rights and promoting the rich and diverse heritage of people from the Middle East. The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), which is non sectarian and non partisan, is the largest Arab-American civil rights organization in the United States. It was founded in 1980 by former Senator James Abourezk. ADC has 38 chapters nationwide, including chapters in every major city in the country, and members in all 50 states.