

THE HARTFORD COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
ELECTS 2009-2010 OFFICERS

*Hartford, Connecticut, April 7, 2009* – John C. King of New Britain, Connecticut, a partner in the Hartford law firm of Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C., was elected President of the Hartford County Bar Association at its Annual Meeting on April 7, 2009. He has held a number of leadership positions within the Association prior to being elected its 226<sup>th</sup> President. Attorney King has been practicing law with Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C. since 1974 and has been a principal of the Firm since 1981. Prior to that, he served as Law Clerk to the Honorable John P. Cotter, then Senior Associate Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court and Chief Court Administrator for the State of Connecticut, during the Court's 1973-1974 term.

Attorney King has extensive trial experience, both court and jury, and appellate experience in the state and federal systems. In 2008, Mr. King was chief trial counsel for the Tweed New Haven Airport Authority in a federal action in Bridgeport, wherein the U.S. District Court awarded a permanent injunction to Tweed against the Town of East Haven, holding that East Haven's attempt to regulate a runway safety project was federally preempted. In 2007, Mr. King successfully represented the City of Bridgeport, both at trial and before the CT Supreme Court, in a matter wherein the court denied a state elections law challenge to the results of the primary for Mayor held in September, 2007.

Mr. King received his J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. and his B.S.F.S. from the Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

In addition, the following Officers were elected: Attorney Raymond C. Bliss, President-Elect; Attorney James J. Tancredi, Secretary; Attorney Debra C. Ruel, Treasurer; and Attorney Kathryn A. Calibey, Past President.

The Hartford County Bar Association is a voluntary, not-for-profit association of lawyers and judges in Hartford County, dedicated to promoting public service and advancing the principles of law and justice through its more than 2100 members. The Hartford County Bar Association, established in 1783, is reputed to be the oldest Bar Association in the country.