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Catherine Goodnight Selected to GOLD Program

Evans & Dixon, L.L.C attorney recognized among southwest Missouri community leaders

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – **Evans & Dixon, L.L.C.** is pleased to announce that **Catherine D. Goodnight**, senior associate in the firm's workers' compensation practice, recently was selected into the Greater Ozarks Leadership Development program.

Goodnight was among 19 community leaders selected from a 24-county southwest Missouri area into the 2007-2008 GOLD leadership class. Goodnight will participate in GOLD activities and will coordinate the monthly GOLD event in January at the Ozark campus of Ozarks Technical Community College. The program will cover a discussion of education and workforce development. "I believe education and workforce development shape our entire community and I'm especially looking forward to the opportunity to discuss this important topic with educators and other GOLD participants," said Goodnight.

Goodnight also is involved in many other community activities. She was appointed in 2004 to the City of Republic Business Commission in Republic, Mo., where she resides. She is a new member of the Junior League of Springfield and is a member of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce's education and workforce development committee and the manufacturer's council. She also is a member of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, the Missouri Bar Association and the Arkansas Bar Association.

Goodnight received her law degree from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville in 2000 and received a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Central Arkansas in 1997.

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In addition to GOLD's January program on education and workforce development, other monthly GOLD programs will cover leadership development, community service, economic development, infrastructure, government, funding resources and quality of life. GOLD is a regional leadership development program sponsored by Missouri State University that builds upon other local leadership development programs. GOLD's mission is to increase leadership capacity in Southwest Missouri by building a regional network for communication and collaboration across the public, private and civic sectors to foster regional awareness, community development and economic growth. For more information, visit <http://www.ozarkleaders.us>.

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