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Evans & Dixon, L.L.C.'s Lockhart Named 40 Under 40 Honoree

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Springfield native Shari Lockhart, a member in Evans & Dixon, L.L.C.'s workers' compensation practice group, was named one of the Springfield Business Journal's 2009 Class of 40 Under 40 honorees. The honorees were selected by an independent panel of judges based on their personal accomplishments in civic and professional arenas and will be recognized at a special event on May 21.

"I am passionate about helping the Springfield community through my professional work and community involvement, and I never thought I would be recognized for it," said Lockhart. "It is an honor to be a part of this distinguished group."

After attending Springfield Public Schools, Lockhart went on to graduate from Missouri State University and the University of Missouri-Kansas City before returning to Springfield where she has had a successful career as an attorney. She first worked at the Missouri Attorney General's Office for three years before joining Evans & Dixon in 2001 where she concentrates in Missouri workers' compensation and civil defense. She has spoken at various seminars and was named one of Missouri's 2005 "Up and Coming Young Attorneys" by Missouri Lawyers Weekly.

When not working, Lockhart is actively involved in the Springfield community. She has served on the board of Camp Aurora as treasurer and has assisted with registration and curriculum for the camp. Since 1998, she has acted as chapter advisor for Alpha Delta Pi sorority on the Missouri State campus as well as a board member of Alpha Delta Pi House Corp. For the last several years, she also served as president of their alumnae association.

In addition, Lockhart serves on the Kids Chance board as one of two Southwest Missouri representatives. Kids Chance is a non-profit organization that provides scholarships to the children of workers who have been seriously or fatally injured in a compensable Missouri work accident. She has been instrumental in planning fundraising seminars to raise scholarship money.

As a member of the Advisory Council of the Ozarks Regional Economic Partnership, Lockhart also plays an instrumental part in helping to promote and enhance the Ozarks region to encourage additional businesses to operate in the 10-county area.

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