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**ABA YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION TO PRESENT FIRST
NATIONAL OUTSTANDING YOUNG LAWYER AWARD AT MIDYEAR MEETING**

CHICAGO, Feb. 6, 2008— The [American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division](#) will recognize Daniel Schwartz, a trial lawyer with Pullman & Comley, LLC of Hartford, Conn., as a finalist for its first National Outstanding Young Lawyer Award on Feb. 9 at the ABA Midyear Meeting in Los Angeles.

The award, which was established in 2007, pays tribute to young lawyers who exhibit professional excellence; superior service to the profession, the bar and the community; and legal ethics and professional responsibility. Schwartz was one of 23 distinguished nominees nationwide selected for this honor.

“Dan embodies the very essence of this award,” said Jay E. Ray, chair of the Outstanding Young Lawyer Award Board and immediate past chair of the ABA YLD. “From being a leader in his state bar and representing neglected and uncared for children on a pro bono basis to being praised as an expert in labor and employment law, Dan is a role model for all lawyers.”

Schwartz's many accomplishments and accolades include: being named one of the “Best Lawyers in America” for Connecticut labor and employment law in 2005-2008 by *Corporate Counsel* Magazine and *New York Magazine*, chairing the Connecticut Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Section during an award winning 2004-05 year, serving in a number of leadership roles in the ABA YLD, including senior committee director during 2006-07, and representing neglected and uncared-for children on a pro bono basis for Lawyers for Children America since 1999.

Schwartz received his Juris Doctor from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, Mo. in 1995.

In addition to Schwartz, award finalist Claudine Germain Jackson of Ft. Worth, Texas and award winner Sean Reyes of Salt Lake City, will also be recognized at the meeting.

For more information on the ABA YLD National Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, visit <http://www.abanet.org/yld/awards/oyla/recipients07.shtml>.

The American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division is the ABA’s largest entity, composed of approximately 147,000 members. The Young Lawyers Division, as the national organization of young lawyers, works to provide leadership in serving the public and the profession, and to promote excellence and fulfillment in the practice of law.

With more than 413,000 members, the American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional membership organization in the world. As the national voice of the legal profession, the ABA works to improve the administration of justice, promotes programs that assist lawyers and judges in their work, accredits law schools, provides continuing legal education, and works to build public understanding around the world of the importance of the rule of law.