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**Senator Chap Petersen is Newest Addition to Courts of Justice Committee**

Richmond, Virginia – January 18, 2010 – On Monday, Senator Chap Petersen filled one of the two vacancies in the prestigious Courts of Justice Committee in the Virginia State Senate. Petersen’s assignment was announced by majority leader, Senator Richard L. Saslaw on the Senate floor.

Licensed in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia, Petersen has been in private practice as a trial attorney since 1994 and is a law partner at Surovell Markle Isaacs & Levy, PLC in downtown Fairfax, Virginia.

“I’ve had a chance to see what works and what doesn’t in the administration of justice. So I’m excited to use that first-hand knowledge as a Committee member in the State Senate,” said Petersen who has tried hundreds of cases in his sixteen-year legal career and had previously been nominated as one of Virginia’s “Super Lawyers” by his State Bar colleagues.

Senator Chap Petersen serves Virginia’s 34<sup>th</sup> State Senate district, which includes Fairfax City and much of Fairfax County. He is a member of the Courts of Justice, Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources, Privileges and Elections, and General Laws and Technology Senate Committees.

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