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Americans With Disabilities Act Champion Kevin McGuire Honored by Disability Law Center

*Blue Cross Blue Shield, Senate President Robert E. Travaglini, and
Seyfarth Shaw Attorneys LLC also honored*

BOSTON, MA, September 15, 2005 – People with disabilities need advocates to ensure corporate and civic compliance in the areas of accessibility, employment, housing and safety. One such advocate is Kevin G. McGuire, chairman and CEO of McGuire Associates, Inc. who was honored last night by the Disability Law Center (DLC) in Boston.

McGuire, a wheelchair user since being hit by a drunk driver at age seven, serves as a consultant to corporations and large venues such as stadiums, museums, libraries and theaters on matters related to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). He also created a Disability Evacuation Plan – an in-depth training program complete with DVD and manual – to help corporations and institutions meet the standards prescribed by ADA regulations. This DEP provides detailed instruction and training on how to help people with disabilities safely evacuate a building in the event of emergency.

According to Christine Griffin, executive director of the DLC, “Kevin has opened a world of economic and cultural experiences to individuals with disabilities throughout Massachusetts and the nation. He and his firm have also provided tremendous support for the Law Center and our clients.”

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McGuire received the Individual Leadership Award at the Second Annual Auction and Benefit Reception at the Hilton Hotel Logan Airport on September 15th. Other honorees included Blue Cross Blue Shield for corporate leadership, Senate President Robert E. Travaglini for legislative leadership, and Seyfarth Shaw Attorneys LLC for pro bono leadership.

The **Disability Law Center** (DLC) is the protection and advocacy agency for Massachusetts. DLC is a private, non-profit organization responsible for providing protection and advocacy for the rights of Massachusetts residents with disabilities. DLC receives federal, state and private funding but is not part of the state or federal government. For more information, visit www.dlc-ma.org or call **617-723-8455**.

For over a decade, **McGuire Associates, Inc.** has become an acknowledged leader in the field of ADA compliance. Working side by side with corporations, architects and planners, citizens with disabilities and government officials, the firm has assisted organizational and community stakeholders in anticipating barriers to accessibility and designing creative and cost-effective responses. From stadiums to arenas, museums to libraries, public venues across the United States have realized the sweeping ramifications of the ADA and enlisted the services of McGuire Associates, Inc. to assist them in "doing the right thing" in response to access issues. For more information about McGuire Associates, Inc., with offices in Newburgh, NY and Waltham, MA, visit www.mcguireassociatesinc.com or call 781-890-6087.

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