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Day Pitney Announces Second Annual Barbara Rosenthal Summer Internship Program

Day Pitney LLP today announced it has begun accepting applications for its second annual Barbara Rosenthal Summer Internship Program. Named in memory of the firm's former executive director, the program provides an opportunity for a minority student entering 11th or 12th grade in a local-area high school to experience working in a law firm during six weeks of the summer.

In addition to the Hartford area, the internship program this year expands to include a student in the area of Parsippany, NJ, where Day Pitney has its largest office. The goal is to help prepare the individuals for corporate and community leadership, and provide a pipeline for minority students to enter the legal profession.

"The Barbara Rosenthal Summer Internship Program is designed to give a deserving high school student an inside look at the inner workings of a law firm," said Day Pitney Managing Partner Stanley A. Twardy Jr. "By expanding the program to New Jersey and adding a second student, we believe we are truly honoring Barbara's desire to be inclusive of as many individuals as possible."

The internship program has three components. First, each individual will be assigned to research and write a memorandum on a specific issue of relevance to the administration of the firm. Second, the interns will work for two weeks in each of three administrative departments, providing an understanding of how the law firm operates. Third, as appropriate, the interns will participate in internal firm meetings with Day Pitney Summer Apprentices, including training sessions and informational practice group meetings.

Throughout the six-week program, the interns will have two mentors each, a director and a first-year lawyer, who will assist them in integrating into the firm during the length of the program. After soliciting application packets from high schools in the Hartford and Parsippany areas, firm officials will meet to select intern candidates to be interviewed. Qualifications include at least a 3.0 grade point average, very strong written recommendations, an excellent essay and strong interpersonal communication skills.

Rosenthal began her career at Day Pitney's predecessor firm, Day, Berry & Howard, in the late 1970s, serving as director of human resources and assistant director of administration before being promoted to executive director in 1995. She retired from that role in 2001, but continued to work at the firm on a consulting basis until shortly before her death in 2007.

About Day Pitney
Day Pitney LLP is a full-service law firm with more than 300 attorneys in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Boston, and Washington, DC. The firm offers clients strong corporate and litigation practices, with experience on behalf of large national and international corporations as well as emerging- and middle-market companies and individuals.