

***Barbara McDowell to Receive
Rex E. Lee Advocacy and Public Service Award
on March 5, 2008***

Barbara McDowell, Director of Appellate Advocacy at the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia, is scheduled to receive the prestigious Rex E. Lee Advocacy and Public Service Award on March 5, 2008 at a ceremony at the Mayflower Hotel. The award is presented annually in memory of Rex Lee to a distinguished lawyer who exemplifies the highest accomplishments and excellence in the profession.

As Director of Appellate Advocacy at Legal Aid, McDowell has used her considerable talents to attempting to shape the decisional law in the District of Columbia on issues of concern to communities living in poverty. Ms. McDowell has participated, as counsel for a party or *amicus curiae*, in more dozens of cases in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and has achieved some notable successes.

Prior to joining Legal Aid in 2004, Ms. McDowell spent nearly seven years in the Office of the Solicitor General of the Department of Justice, where she argued 18 cases in the Supreme Court and briefed other cases that were argued by her colleagues. Before joining the Solicitor General's office, Ms. McDowell was a partner in the issues and appeals section of Jones Day.

Ms. McDowell served as a law clerk to the Honorable Byron White in the U.S. Supreme Court, to the Honorable Ralph Winter of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit, and to the Honorable Jose Cabranes of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. She received her Juris Doctor degree in 1985 from Yale Law School and her B.A. degree in 1974 from George Washington University.

The Rex E. Lee Advocacy and Public Service Award is given by BYU Law School and the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society Society. Past recipients of the Award include Seth Waxman, Carter Phillips, Theodore B. Olson, Ed Kneedler, Maureen Mahoney, Michael Dreeben, and Jeff Minear.