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### ***Delegate Fleischauer Honored for Her Work to Protect State Consumers***

Charleston, W.Va. – The West Virginia Association for Justice presented Del. Barbara Evans Fleischauer (D-Monongalia) with its Legislator of the Year award at the association’s annual convention in Charleston on June 2, 2011. The award was presented to Delegate Fleischauer in recognition of her work to protect West Virginia consumers.

Delegate Fleischauer was selected to receive the award following her work on two bills during the 2011 legislative session. Her committee amendment to HB 2513 restored language that had been in the state code since 1978 that required pharmacies to pass on to consumers the savings of the difference in cost between brand name drugs and generic drugs. This language had been omitted in the proposed bill, but she succeeded in convincing the House Judiciary Committee that this important consumer protection should remain in the code. She was also recognized for her work on HB 2878, the Marcellus Shale bill, to protect the property rights of West Virginia landowners.

“It is rare when someone places the interests of all others above their own. In the political world, it may be even rarer. Delegate Fleischauer is a legislator who always puts the interests of those who elected her first—before any interest in getting re-elected, before personal political aspirations, before any other political or financial special interests who try to pressure her into a different direction. She is the epitome of a public servant: someone who runs for office truly to represent the people,” said WVAJ Past President Michael J. Romano, who presented Delegate Fleischauer with the award.

“Her efforts to keep people safe and force industry to deliver low cost medicine to the citizens of West Virginia this past session is why she received this award. Maybe she does it because she is a lawyer or maybe that is why she became a lawyer. Regardless, West Virginia and the 44th District are fortunate to have her.”

The West Virginia Association for Justice represents more than 500 plaintiffs attorneys throughout West Virginia and in surrounding states. WVAJ members are committed to preserving and improving our civil justice system in order to ensure that any person who is injured by the misconduct and negligence of others can obtain justice in America's courtrooms. WVAJ members work to protect West Virginia families by promoting safe workplaces, safe products, quality healthcare, a clean environment and corporate responsibility.