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9/30/05--Boston College Law Professor Daniel Kanstroom has been appointed to serve on the national Commission on Immigration of the American Bar Association. The Commission on Immigration consists of thirteen (13) individuals appointed by the ABA President. The Commission directs Association efforts to ensure fair and unbiased treatment, and full due process rights, for immigrants and refugees within the United States. Acting in coordination with other Association entities, as well as governmental and non-governmental bodies, the Commission:

- Advocates for appropriate statutory and regulatory modifications in law and governmental practice consistent with Association policy;
- Provides continuing education and timely information about trends, court decisions and pertinent developments for members of the legal community, judges, affected individuals and the public; and,
- Develops and assists the ongoing operation of pro bono programs that encourage volunteer lawyers to provide high quality, effective legal representation for individuals in immigration courts, with special emphasis on the needs of the most vulnerable immigrant and refugee populations.

This year's focus will be on due process, judicial review, and legal and illegal entry, among other matters. As ABA President, Michael S. Greco, has noted, "Events of recent years have reminded us that we must continually dedicate ourselves to strengthening the rule of law, and expanding access to justice, both in our country and around the world."

Professor Kanstroom will serve a one-year term on the Commission, beginning in September, 2005.

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