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## **Heffner Appointed Co-Chair of Teens Speak Out!**

### **TEENS GET CREATIVE NOV 3 AT SOLUTION-ORIENTED PROGRAM**

St. Louis, MO – November 2, 2006 – The Young Lawyer’s Division of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis appoints Danna McKitrick attorney James Heffner co-chair of the Teens Speak Out! Program—a program through which area high-school students propose community-related changes to community leaders and law makers.

Heffner is charged with coordinating the venue for the sixth annual forum at Washington University School of Law on Friday, November 3. He recruited panelists to participate as judges, coaches, and schools as well. Approximately 13 teams will participate – each school to be provided with a volunteer attorney coach. The coaches mentor students to focus and polish their presentations. Panelists then observe and critique team presentations challenging students to think on their feet and defend their position.

“Teens Speak Out! is a unique program reminding us that teens are vitally interested in the laws which affect them,” said Heffner. “Given the opportunity, these kids come up with some very creative solutions.”

A member of the firm’s transactional and litigation practice groups, Heffner concentrates in commercial and business litigation, bankruptcy, real estate, and general business law. Heffner obtained his J.D. from Saint Louis University School of Law and his B.A., *general honors*, University of Missouri-Columbia. He earned a German Proficiency Certificate from the Universität Tuebingen.

#### **About Teens Speak Out!:**

St. Louis area high school students are given an opportunity to present proposals for community change and argue issues students feel most affect them as teenagers in today’s society. Students are expected to argue points articulately in front of a panel of community leaders, professionals, and lawmakers, and then discuss proposals to create change in the future.

#### **About Danna McKitrick:**

Located in Clayton, Missouri, Danna McKitrick, P.C. is a 50 person firm delivering outstanding legal representation to businesses (emerging to national), insurers, and individuals in the Midwestern region. The firm has long-standing local roots serving local businesses as well as providing regional representation for major corporations. The firm is on the Web at [www.dannamckitrick.com](http://www.dannamckitrick.com).

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