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**AECRE ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF MELISSA J. COPLEY AS NEW CHAIRMAN AND
RICHARD NARDI AS NEW VICE CHAIRMAN**

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, Date – The International Association of Attorneys and Executives in Corporate Real Estate (AECRE) announces that Melissa J. Copley, President and founder of Copley Advisors, has been elected as AECRE’s new Chairman, and that Richard A. Nardi, senior partner of Loeb & Loeb LLP, has been elected as Vice-Chairman. AECRE, a not-for-profit association, is the only forum in the United States whose mission is to bring attorneys and real estate executives together to consider cutting-edge issues and best practices in corporate real estate.



Ms. Copley, who previously served as Vice-Chair of AECRE and as a member of its Board of Directors, has been instrumental in expanding the constituency of the organization and in developing programs of strategic importance to its members drawn from Fortune 1000 companies, real estate service providers and law firms. According to Edward Chupack, former AECRE Chairman and editor of the *Lease Negotiation Handbook* published jointly by AECRE and the American Law Institute/American Bar Association, Ms. Copley’s vision continues to attract key players in corporate real estate. “Our 18th Annual Conference, recently held in Scottsdale, was one of our most highly acclaimed forums,” said Chupack, “particularly because our members can best meet the challenges of our economy by sharing insights and information with top industry professionals. Our conferences frequently include presentations by government leaders, and this year’s keynote address by the Honorable Dean Martin,

Arizona's State Treasurer and three-time winner of the Freedom of Information Award, was an especially strong draw.”

As President of Copley Advisors, Ms. Copley provides strategic planning and specialized tenant representation services to a broad range of sophisticated companies and law firms. Ms. Copley began her employment in venture capital and banking and brings 25 years of business experience to her clients. During her 17-year career with Jones Lang LaSalle, she became an International Director, served as Chairman of its Global Law Firm Practice, and was Team Leader and Managing Director of the firm's largest Tenant Representation team, which closed over 20 million square feet in transactions. Ms. Copley has an MBA in Finance and Marketing from Northwestern University and a BA in Economics from the University of Michigan. She is on the Corporate Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago and is an active member of CoreNet Global as well as Lambda Alpha International. As to her new leadership position, she commented that “AECRE has become an important part of my professional life over the past several years, providing educative forums with the highest caliber professionals on current challenges in all areas of real estate. The organization is especially collegial, which greatly enhances the networking environment.”

Mr Nardi is a member of AECRE's Board of Directors, has co-chaired its conference committees, and brings extensive professional credentials to the organization. Concentrating on commercial real estate law at the New York office of Loeb & Loeb. Mr.Nardi is well recognized for his experience in commercial leasing, complex real estate and business transactions, development and financing. He represents all types of public and private businesses, including major international financial institutions, energy companies, universities, and non-profit organizations. Mr. Nardi is active in civic and community organizations and served on the board of several not-for-profit corporations. Mr. Nardi holds a JD and BA, both with honors, from Fordham University.

ABOUT AECRE

AECRE was founded in 1990 and is a not-for-profit professional association whose central purpose is to provide a collegial forum for, and to improve the knowledge of, executives and attorneys involved in the legal issues of corporate real estate. AECRE members are individuals who are highly experienced and involved in a wide range of aspects of corporate real estate, whether they serve in a company's legal or corporate real estate department, a law firm providing legal assistance on corporate real estate matters, a consulting firm engaged in providing consultation on corporate real estate, a real estate firm involved in corporate real estate, an educational or government institution, or as self-employed professionals providing legal or other expertise on corporate real estate matters. For more information, please visit us at www.AECRE.org.

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