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To: Members of the Tax Division

From: Eileen J. O'Connor

Re: Mildred L. Seidman to Receive Award from Attorney General

I am pleased to announce that on August 31, at the Attorney General's 53rd Annual Awards Ceremony, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales will present our own Mildred L. Seidman the Mary C. Lawton Lifetime Service Award.

This Award recognizes Department of Justice employees who have demonstrated high standards of excellence and dedication throughout their careers. To be eligible for consideration, the employee must have, by a record of outstanding actions and accomplishments, significantly contributed to the success of the Department, its goals and mission, and must have served at least twenty years in the Department. The Award is not given every year, and is not given in appreciation for tenure alone: it is given only in exceptional circumstances to individuals of special merit. Ms. Seidman is the only recipient of the award this year.

Mildred L. Seidman is honored for her 50 years of unparalleled career accomplishments in the Tax Division. As Chief of the Court of Federal Claims Section, she oversees the litigation of high-stakes, high-dollar tax cases that are not only extraordinarily complex and challenging but also pit the government against the nation's most sophisticated, experienced, and highly compensated private counsel. Ms. Seidman has many times saved the United States millions of dollars of tax revenue, through the combination of her intellect (recognizing issues others have overlooked or misconstrued), her passion for the law, and her relentless pursuit of the government's just interests. To every area of her responsibility, and to every challenge, Ms. Seidman has brought energy, enthusiasm, integrity, and an encyclopedic knowledge of the tax laws. Her willingness to undertake new and additional responsibilities is an inspiration. Ms. Seidman is recognized in and out of the government as the embodiment of the highest standards of excellence in government service, to which she has dedicated her career. She is, to so many who know her, a living legend.

Please join me in congratulating Ms. Seidman on being selected to receive this Award. All Tax Division employees are invited to attend the Awards Ceremony. It begins promptly at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, August 31, at DAR Constitution Hall, 1776 D Street, NW. The building's entrance is on 18th Street between C and D Streets.

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