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**CAROL E. HECKMAN JOINS HWI'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Carol E. Heckman has been elected to the Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute's Board of Directors. Heckman is a partner of Harter Secrest & Emery LLP, a law firm in the city of Buffalo.

Heckman joined the firm in 2000. Prior to that she served as a Magistrate Judge in the Western District of New York for eight years. She has worked as a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Buffalo and has worked as a litigation partner in private practice. Heckman has been admitted to the Bar Associations in both New York and Colorado.

Heckman currently serves on the board of the Burchfield-Penney Art Center. She also serves as an editor for the *Cornell Law Review*, and as first editor-in-chief for the *Federal Courts Law Review*.

Heckman has served as a board member for Women and Children's Hospital, Cradle Beach and the American Lung Association. She has been a member of the Advisory Group of Magistrate Judges, and also a member of the executive committee in the Federal and Commercial Litigation Section. She was a member of the Judicial Center's Education Committee for Magistrate Judges. She formerly served as an officer in the Federal Magistrate Judges Association.

Heckman received the Achievement Award for the Woman's Bar Association of Western New York in 1992, along with the Cornell Law Review's Order of the Coif, Fraser Prize, Phi Beta Kappa. She was awarded the "Women Who Mean Business" Award from Business First of Buffalo in 2005. Heckman has published more than 340 judicial opinions and is the author of many articles in the *New York Law Journal*.

Heckman received her bachelor's degree from Lawrence University in 1974. She received her juris doctor from Cornell Law School in 1977.

Heckman resides in Orchard Park, New York with her husband.

***ABOUT HWI***

With more than 50 years of exceptional scientific research, HWI is an internationally-renowned independent, non-profit facility specializing in the area of fundamental biomedical research known as structural biology. HWI's team of more than 75 staff members is committed to improving human health by studying the causes of diseases, as well as potential therapies, at their basic molecular level. HWI is located in the heart of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus in downtown Buffalo, New York, in a new state-of-the-art structural biology research center at 700 Ellicott Street. For more information, visit HWI's website at [www.hwi.buffalo.edu](http://www.hwi.buffalo.edu) or call 716-898-8600.