



**Announcement: SEA 1031 Principal, Ricky Novak honored as the recipient of the Atlanta Bar Association’s Distinguished Service Award, led Real Estate Section to Section of the Year and sworn into Atlanta Bar Association Board of Directors.**

On May 18th, 2010, Ricky B. Novak of Strategic 1031 Exchange Advisors was honored at the Annual Meeting of the Atlanta Bar Association (“Bar”), held at Piedmont Driving Club in Atlanta. Mr. Novak was presented the 2009-2010 *Distinguished Service Award* by Bar President David Schaeffer for his dedication and service to the Bar and its members.

President Schaeffer specifically noted Mr. Novak’s efforts in negotiating and securing a new publishing agreement for the Bar’s nationally acclaimed publication, *The Atlanta Lawyer*, as well as his efforts in Bar membership programs, including championing greater interaction between the many sections of the Bar and outside professional organizations.

In addition to this award, Mr. Novak accepted the *Section of the Year Award* (Large Section Classification) on behalf of the Real Estate Section. This represents the first time the section has been honored with the prestigious award, which compares educational, social and community service efforts of all sections of the Bar. As Section Chair, Mr. Novak was responsible for developing and implementing various new programs for the Real Estate Section. These programs included starting a “Younger Associate and Partner” membership effort within the section, promoting numerous educational and networking events between the Real Estate section, other sections of the Bar and other professional organizations, and creating standing committees within the Board of Directors. The Real Estate section also implemented numerous community service and pro bono activities. “It is without a doubt a crowning achievement for the section and our dedicated board which worked tirelessly this year to better serve our members” said Novak. “This is clearly an award won by the cumulative efforts of the current and past boards. I am both proud and humbled to be at the helm when these efforts were recognized,” Novak added.

Finally, Novak was sworn into office on the Atlanta Bar Association’s 2010-2011 Board of Directors as a Member-At-Large. Mr. Novak was appointed to the position by new Atlanta Bar Association President Michael Terry. The Atlanta Bar Association is the premier professional organization for Atlanta attorneys, with over 6,000 members. The Bar offers continuing education opportunities to its members, is actively engaged in various issues that affect the legal community and the law itself, and works diligently to serve the Atlanta community. For more information, please visit [www.atlantbar.org](http://www.atlantbar.org).