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## Community Advocacy Network Presents Legislator of Year Award to Florida State Rep. George Moraitis

Broward County's Moraitis Lauded for Sponsorship of HB 1195 and Defense of Community Association Interests During 2011 Florida Legislative Session

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The Community Advocacy Network (CAN, <http://www.canfl.com>), Florida's leading voice for the interests of millions of community association residents statewide, today recognized [Florida State Rep. George Moraitis \(Ft. Lauderdale\)](#) as the recipient of its 2011 "Community Advocacy Network Legislator of the Year Award" for outstanding legislative contributions toward the best interests and well-being of community associations across the State of Florida.

Presented in a special ceremony during CAN's first-annual "Legislative Roundtable" event held here today, the organization's 2011 Legislator of the Year Award was bestowed on Rep. Moraitis for his sponsorship of key community association legislation and his staunch defense of community association interests during the 2011 Florida Legislative Session in Tallahassee.

The Legislator of the Year Award ceremony and Legislative Roundtable took place on the new Margate, Florida campus of the Katzman Garfinkel & Berger Law and Learning Center and were attended by nearly 200 community association Board members and leaders of umbrella



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Florida State Rep. George Moraitis receiving 2011 Community Advocacy Network Legislator of the Year Award from CAN Executive Director Donna DiMaggio Berger.

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organizations from throughout South Florida, including the Communities of West Boynton, the Delray Alliance, the Broward Coalition, Kings Point, Century Village, Wynmoor, Pelican Bay, Gulfside and others.

Leading Florida lawmakers and their staff aides participated in a discussion with attendees on the current and anticipated impact of Florida legislation on the State's more than 60,000 community associations. In addition to Rep. Moraitis, legislators participating in the Roundtable discussion included State Representatives Ari Porth (Coral Springs), Gwyn Clarke-Reed (Deerfield Beach), Franklin Sands (Weston) and Matt Hudson (Naples), as well as staff from the offices of nearly a dozen other South Florida state legislators.

During the Legislator of the Year Award ceremony, Rep. Moraitis was praised for his key role as principal sponsor of [HB 1195](#), legislation that contains important measures that will serve to protect community associations from unnecessary regulation, while preserving safeguards that help them to maintain their communities' well-being in the face of ongoing economic challenges that continue to beset associations throughout the State.

"The Community Advocacy Network is proud to present this first-annual CAN Legislator of the Year Award to Rep. Moraitis, who managed to marshal key community association legislation through the lawmaking process in Tallahassee like a veteran, even though this was his first year serving in the State Legislature," said [Donna DiMaggio Berger](#), [CAN Executive Director and Managing Partner of the law firm of Katzman Garfinkel & Berger](#). "Our CAN members are extremely grateful for his diligence and dedication to the issues that are so important to the well-being of so many of our Florida community associations."

"I'd like to thank the Community Advocacy Network team for having provided invaluable assistance in ensuring that we passed a great bill this Session," said Rep. Moraitis, in acceptance of the CAN Legislator of the Year Award. "I have received several compliments from other members and attribute much of the success to your participation and advocacy on behalf of our association residents."

Founded in 2007 by the Florida law firm of Katzman Garfinkel & Berger, the Community Advocacy Network represents more than a million homeowners across the state and is Florida's only advocacy group speaking exclusively for association homeowners and their boards.

Throughout the year, CAN provides provide education, advocacy and outreach services to community associations statewide and promotes positive community association legislation, while advising legislators to resist the urge to micromanage and over-regulate private residential communities. Membership in the Community Advocacy Network (CAN) is open to all Florida community associations, including condominiums, co-operatives, homeowner associations, timeshares and mobile home communities.

For more information about the benefits of CAN membership and the organization's activities around the State, please contact Kristen Pesicek at [kpesicek\(at\)canfl\(dot\)com](mailto:kpesicek@canfl.com) or (954) 486-7774.

#### About the Community Advocacy Network (CAN)

The Community Advocacy Network (CAN) is Florida's leading statewide advocacy network dedicated to promoting positive community association legislation, while advising legislators to resist the urge to micromanage and over-regulate private residential communities. CAN works through its website, e-mailed CAN Alerts and the "Capitol Connection" email system – enabling our members to contact their elected officials at every level of government with just the click of a button -- to give association leaders and residents the information and resources they need to play a meaningful part in the legislative process before harmful bills are passed.

The Community Advocacy Network provides news updates about its initiatives and activities on the social networking

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sites Facebook (<http://on.fb.me/m6Eo2h>), LinkedIn (<http://linkd.in/j0e86f>) and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/CommAdvocacyNet>). To learn more about CAN and the benefits of membership to Florida community associations, visit our website at <http://www.canfl.com> or phone 954-315-0372 for more information.

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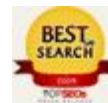
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