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ROYAL BANK OF CANADA’S DAVID ALLGOOD AWARDED FOR “EXCELLENCE IN CORPORATE PRACTICE”

Announced During Association of Corporate Counsel’s Annual Meeting in Boston

Washington, D.C. (October 28, 2009) – The [Association of Corporate Counsel](http://www.acc.com) (ACC) presented its 2009 “Excellence in Corporate Practice” award to David R. Allgood, Executive Vice-President and General Counsel for [Royal Bank of Canada](http://www.royalbank.com) during its Annual Meeting in Boston last week. The award, now in its 13th year, recognizes achievements in service to the legal profession.

“David is clearly one of the most innovative leaders in law department management,” said ACC President Frederick J. Krebs. “As General Counsel at one of the largest and most respected legal departments in Canada, David has spearheaded best practices and surrounded himself with top-notch legal talent – always a sign of a great CLO. His dedication to the legal profession is demonstrated not only through his leadership and guidance at Royal Bank of Canada, but also his leadership in the Association and involvement with the Volunteer Lawyers Services, assisting non-profits with legal matters.”

Established in 1996, the “Excellence in Corporate Practice” award recognizes an outstanding in-house attorney who has made significant business and legal contributions to the success of their client including legal advocacy and counseling, service to the legal profession, law department management, and cost control processes.

Mr. Allgood joined Royal Bank of Canada in August 1998 as Senior Vice-President Corporate Taxation. He became Executive Vice-President and General Counsel in June 2000. Formerly, he was a partner in the law firm of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt in the taxation practice.

Previous ACC “Excellence in Corporate Practice” winners include: Michael Fricklas, Viacom Inc.; Stacey Mobley, DuPont; Gloria Santona, McDonald’s Corporation; Kenneth C. Frazier, Merck & Co.; Roderick A. Palmore, Sara Lee Corporation, and Benjamin W. Heineman, Jr., General Electric Company.

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