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**DEBORAH L. SPRANGER ELECTED TO CHESTER COUNTY
KEYSTONE INNOVATION ZONE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

(Philadelphia, PA, January 3, 2012) – Saul Ewing LLP is pleased to announce that Deborah L. Spranger, vice chair of the Business and Finance Department and co-chair of the firm's Life Sciences Practice Group, has been elected to the board of directors of the Chester County Keystone Innovation Zone (KIZ), a program initiated by the Chester County Economic Development Council.

The Chester County KIZ seeks to align and rally the area's best resources to support growing life science, biotechnology and information technology companies. Spranger will serve a one-year term, beginning January 1, 2012.

KIZs are a state-wide initiative of Governor Edward G. Rendell to build knowledge-based economies and cultivate entrepreneurship in Pennsylvania. It is a geographically designated zone that is designed to foster innovation and create entrepreneurial opportunities.

Spranger concentrates her practice primarily on the areas of mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, and the licensing and commercialization of intellectual property. She acts as outside General Counsel to a number of biotechnology, medical device, manufacturing and other companies. She received her law degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Law and her Bachelor's degree from Furman University.

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