

MURRAY DRANOFF FOUNDATION NAMES NEW PRESIDENT

Shutts & Bowen Attorney Maxine M. Long to head Miami-Based International Two Piano Competition's Board

MIAMI, March 27, 2006 – The Murray Dranoff Foundation, sponsor of the Biennial Murray Dranoff International Two Piano Competition, today announced that Maxine M. Long, a partner in the Miami commercial law firm Shutts & Bowen, has been elected president of the Foundation's Board. A board member since 2000, she has been instrumental in providing guidance and support that have contributed to making the competition a premier cultural event in the Hemisphere and a key component of South Florida's growing position as a cultural Mecca.

As Board president, Ms. Long will work with executive director Carlene M. Sawyer on planning the 11th Dranoff Competition to be held in 2007 in Miami, fundraising and sponsorship activities and expanding the scope of the organization's educational outreach program which targets the South Florida community.

Ms. Long joined Shutts & Bowen in 1980 and concentrates her practice in complex commercial litigation in all federal and state courts of Florida. She has been Board Certified by The Florida Bar since 1996 in Business Litigation Law. Her practice includes creditors' rights and remedies, transnational business and banking matters, and products liability issues.

"We are thrilled that Maxine Long is committing more of her talents and energies to the Foundation and Biennial competition," said Carlene Sawyer. "Maxine has been one of the most dedicated supporters of the foundation in our community and has contributed enormously to our growth and success."

About the Murray Dranoff Foundation

As a member organization of the World Federation of International Music Competitions, The Murray Dranoff Foundation is dedicated to the presentation of Two Piano music, and its outstanding artists to the publics of the world. Foundation programs develop audiences and appreciation for this unique art form through education, performance, and the commission of new Two Piano compositions by world renowned composers, including Morton Gould, John Corigliano, William Bolcom, and Ned Rorem.

