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Short Biographical Statement

Ms. Munson serves as the Executive Director of the International Collaborative for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, an initiative linking public health and law practitioners, academicians and students in Illinois with their counterparts in the Czech Republic. She teaches "Public Health Emergency Law: Domestic and International" at the John Marshall Law School (JMLS) in Chicago and at Masaryk University Faculty of Law (MUFL) in Brno, Czech Republic. She has also lectured remotely via Global Campus technology at the University of Iowa and at a medical/legal conference in Prague. After concluding a three-year appointment as Senior Consultant to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Law Program ending in 2005, Ms. Munson has concentrated on public health law in the international arena. In addition to her teaching duties at the JMLS and MUFL in Brno, Czech Republic, she has also lectured on public health legal issues at VSE (Economics University), Charles University, and the Czech Bar Association in Prague. She is a frequent presenter on international public health law topics to domestic law school classes and school of public health audiences. In addition, she engages in activities in the city of Chicago of international reach, e.g. she is an active member of the President's Circle of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, a member of the National Strategy Forum, and serves as chair of the Medical Committee of the Prague Committee of the Chicago Sister Cities International Program. Ms. Munson has also planned and co-hosted three public health emergency preparedness workshops in the Czech Republic. She travels with the JMLS delegation

of American lawyers to the Czech Republic each October and participated in the PHLawFlu Project Conference "Pandemic Influenza Preparedness in Europe: Are National Public Health Laws "Fit for Purpose?" in September 22-23, 2010 at the European Parliament in Brussels.

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