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### **Minneapolis Native Leslie Pitt Schneider Elected to Amputee Coalition's Board**

**Knoxville, Tennessee, January 18, 2010** – The Amputee Coalition has elected Leslie Pitt Schneider of Minneapolis to its 2011 board of directors.

“As an attorney and a registered nurse, Leslie brings a wealth of hands-on and regulatory experience to the Amputee Coalition. As we enter our 25th year in 2011, this is especially important as we begin our strategic work to solve insurance issues for amputees, advance amputee care systems and build a limb loss prevention strategy,” said Kendra Calhoun, president & CEO of the Amputee Coalition. “We are fortunate to have a strong Board of Directors and the dedicated support of the many volunteers who make our organization successful.”

Currently, Pitt Schneider is the Clinical and Regulatory Affairs Manager for Otto Bock Healthcare in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she directs the development and management of the U.S.-based Clinical and Regulatory Affairs Department. She is key in Otto Bock's government relations and lobbying efforts as well. Pitt Schneider also holds certifications as a clinical researcher and a histologic technician.

“Serving on the Amputee Coalition's Board of Directors is an honor, both professionally and personally, as the organization's purpose is one that truly improves people's lives,” said Pitt Schneider.

Having already been active in limb loss volunteer organizations, Pitt Schneider cofounded and was director of Amputees Getting Into Life Energetically (AGILE) in St. Louis, Missouri. In this organization, first of its kind in the regional area, she developed a community outreach program and established a peer visitor program with local hospitals and rehabilitation centers.

Pitt Schneider holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from St. Olaf College, an Associate's Degree in Nursing from Washington University College of Nursing (Summa Cum Laude) and a Juris Doctor from Concord University School of Law.

### **About the Amputee Coalition**

The Amputee Coalition is the preeminent national nonprofit organization in the United States that proactively reaches out to, and is there for, people who are at risk for or are affected by limb loss. Our goal is to significantly impact the lives of these individuals throughout their lifespan to help them achieve their maximum personal potential. For more information about limb loss, please visit the Amputee Coalition Web site at [amputee-coalition.org](http://amputee-coalition.org) or call 888/267-5669