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### **The Honourable Mr. Justice Russell Brown, Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, Receives Honorary Fellowship from The American College of Trial Lawyers**

IRVINE, CA (March 9, 2017) – The American College of Trial Lawyers (the College) presented The Honourable Mr. Justice Russell Brown of the Supreme Court of Canada with Honorary Fellowship at its Spring Meeting in Boca Raton, Florida, on Saturday, March 4, 2017.

The American College of Trial Lawyers is composed of Fellows who represent the best of the trial bar in the United States and Canada. There are more than 5,900 Fellows of the College, including Judicial Fellows elected before ascending to the bench, and Honorary Fellows, who have attained eminence in the highest ranks of the legal profession, the judiciary, or public service. Currently, fifteen other Canadians are Honorary Fellows in the College.

College President Bartholomew J. Dalton said, “Historically, all of the justices of the Supreme Court of the United States and the Supreme Court of Canada have been inducted as Honorary Fellows. We are very pleased to induct Justice Brown as an Honorary Fellow.”

Past President of the College David W. Scott, O.C., Q.C. of the Borden Ladner Gervais LLP law firm in Ottawa, Canada, introduced Justice Brown. Mr. Scott said, “This event is a continuation of a tradition in the College of recognizing, by the Grant of Honorary Fellowship, all of the Judges of our two highest Courts, the Supreme Court of the United States and the Supreme Court of Canada. No other association of members of the Bar in North America can claim to have initiated and maintained such an extraordinary tradition. The partnership in prestige between these two great Courts and their members is a declaration by the College of respect for the extraordinary judicial traditions established in the Courts of last resort in Canada and the United States. It is a privilege for the College to have the members of both Courts participate in this process elevating the work of the College in the administration of justice to a very high level indeed,” said Mr. Scott.

Continuing his remarks, Mr. Scott said, “Today, our purpose is to induct the Honourable Russell Brown, a Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, into Honorary Fellowship. Justice Brown’s ascension in the ranks of the Judiciary has been nothing short of meteoric. On February 8, 2013, Justice Brown was appointed to the Court of Queen’s Bench in Alberta. A year later on March 7, 2014, he was appointed to the Court of Appeal for Alberta, the highest Court in the province. Completing the cycle on August 31, 2015, he was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada.” Click [here](#) for the full text of Mr. Scott’s remarks.

Justice Brown said, "I'm mindful of the honor and privilege which the college bestows upon me in inviting me to become an Honorary Fellow. Judges and lawyers alike must be militant defenders of the rule of law. I take deep satisfaction in joining the ranks of a fellowship that is passionately committed to it, to the institutions which

sustain it, and to the processes that it connotes, including an accessible justice system administered by an independent judiciary, and the fair and just representations of all parties to legal proceedings."

Justice Brown is a former University of Alberta Faculty of Law Professor and Associate Dean. He has authored a treatise on claims under negligence law for economic loss, as well as over 30 published law review articles, book chapters and review essays on tort law, property law and civil justice. He is a regular contributor to conference proceedings in Canada and internationally, and in judicial education seminars. He serves on the editorial board of the *University of Toronto Law Journal* and, prior to his judicial career, served on various committees of the Law Society of Alberta. He also served as chair of the Health Law Institute, the University Appeals Board and Professional Review Board at the University of Alberta, and as member of the governing board of the Canadian Forum on Civil Justice. He also served on the Advisory Board to the Salvation Army in Victoria and in Edmonton, including as chair in Edmonton.

#### **About The American College of Trial Lawyers**

The American College of Trial Lawyers is composed of preeminent members of the Trial Bar from the United States and Canada and is recognized as the leading trial lawyers organization in both countries. Fellowship is extended by invitation only to those experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality. The College is dedicated to maintaining and seeking to improve the standards of trial practice, professionalism, ethics, and the administration of justice. The College strongly supports the independence of the judiciary and respect for the courts in the United States and Canada; that independence is fundamental to our democratic societies. For more information about the College, visit its website at [www.actl.com](http://www.actl.com).

#### **Photo Available:**

A photo of Justice Brown with Bartholomew J. Dalton and David W. Scott on the occasion of receiving the Honorary Fellowship, is available from The American College of Trial Lawyers. Please contact Eliza Gano.

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