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**THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS HOLDS THREE-DAY  
WORKSHOP IN GUAM**

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**NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA – FEBRUARY 2, 2018** – Eleven College Fellows traveled to Guam to lead the 2018 American College of Trial Lawyers Workshop for Judges and Lawyers from Jan. 17 through Jan. 19, 2018. The program exposed more than 100 participants, including judicial officers, attorneys general, public defenders and lawyers from Guam and neighboring islands, to the trial and advocacy skills for which Fellows of the College are known.

“I would like to thank our Fellows who devoted their time and efforts to this program, and all of whom traveled at their own expense to Guam to make this valuable program a success. This is the second time recently our Fellows have invested to improve the standards of trial practice, part of our mission, by sharing with judges and lawyers in these distant jurisdictions. The College could not be more thankful and proud. Their service is part of what makes these Fellows the outstanding trial lawyers they are,” said ACTL President Samuel H. Franklin of Lightfoot, Franklin & White, L.L.C. (Birmingham, AL).

Former Regent Brian B. O’Neill of Faegre & Benson LLP (Minneapolis, MN) said, “Good things happen when like-minded people get together under the sun.” O’Neill orchestrated the workshop after a year of extensive collaboration with the Honorable F. Philp Carbullido, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam. O’Neill led a similarly themed workshop in 2015 in Palau, where thirteen Fellows traveled to the island republic to hold the College’s Advanced Trial Advocacy Symposium

The Guam workshop incorporated topics related to trial work for a judge and lawyer, including: Supreme Court Review; Controlling the Courtroom and Letting Lawyers Try Their Case; Managing a High Profile Case; Standards of Review; Docket Management; Writing Judicial Opinions; Presentation of Expert Testimony and How to Get a Document into Evidence; Search and Seizure; and Evidence Review.

The gathering provided an opportunity for distinguished judges and lawyers in the U.S. to share their knowledge and expertise with their counterparts in the Pacific region, as well as to foster discussions on issues central to the College’s mission—improving the standards of trial practice, professionalism, ethics and administration of justice.

The Pacific Judicial Council (PJC) hosted the event and invited neighboring commonwealths and confederations to attend. Attendees included judicial officers and lawyers from Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Republic of the Philippines. PJC’s mission is to provide a collaborative and educational forum for sharing ideas, information and resources to improve the administration of the courts and delivery of justice in the region.

Justice Carbullido has asked Fellows to return to Guam for another educational workshop in 2020.

Fellows who went to Guam were: Richard C. Busse of Busse & Hunt (Portland, OR); Charles P. Diamond of O’Melveny & Myers LLP (Los Angeles, CA); Richard S. Glaser, Jr. of Parker, Poe Adams & Bernstein (Charlotte, NC); Cynthia Day Grimes of Strasburger Attorneys At Law (San Antonio, TX); Douglas A. Kelley of Kelley, Wolter & Scott, P.A. (Minneapolis, MN); Brian B. O’Neill of Faegre & Benson LLP (Minneapolis, MN); U. S. Magistrate Judge for the District of

Montana (ret.) Carolyn S. Ostby (Billings, MT); Paul Michael Pohl of Jones Day (Pittsburgh, PA); Lawrence S. Robbins of Robbins, Russell, Englert, Orseck & Untereiner LLP (Washington, D.C.); U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Montana, Great Falls Division (ret.) Keith Strong (Bozeman, MT); and District Court Judge Karen S. Townsend of the Fourth Judicial District of Montana (Missoula, MT).

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. The College is dedicated to maintaining and improving the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice and the ethics of the profession. The College has long supported the independence of the judiciary and respect for the courts in the United States and Canada; that independence is fundamental to our democratic societies.

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