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The Honourable Mr. Justice Malcolm Rowe, Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, Receives Honorary Fellowship from The American College of Trial Lawyers

NEWPORT BEACH, CA (March 16, 2018) – The American College of Trial Lawyers (the College) presented The Honourable Mr. Justice Malcolm Rowe of the Supreme Court of Canada with Honorary Fellowship at its Spring Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

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 5,800 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. In total, there have been twenty-one other Canadian Honorary Fellows in the College. Justice Rowe is the twenty-second.

College President Samuel H. Franklin 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 proud to have you as an Honorary Fellow. We value our relationship with your court and all the fellow justices who sit with Justice Rowe on the Canadian Supreme Court.”

Regent Mona T. Duckett, Q.C. of the Dawson, Duckett, Garcia & Johnson law firm in Edmonton, Alberta, introduced Justice Rowe. Ms. Duckett said, “As we advance the mission of the College to support and strengthen the rule of law and the administration of justice, we occasionally extend Honorary Fellowship to certain jurists, who have attained a very high degree of respect and eminence. We continue the happy tradition of welcoming to fellowship a justice of the Supreme Court of Canada. This College is privileged, and indeed unique, to have all the judges of our two highest courts as Honorary Fellows. Mr. Justice Malcolm Rowe was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada on October 28, 2016 by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. He is the court’s 85th judge in its 143-year history. He is the first from the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador.”

Justice Rowe said, “This is a great honor, which I am very happy to share with my colleagues on the Supreme Court of Canada.... I have served in and respect all three branches of government, but I must say I’m most honored to sit where I do today. As a judge of the Supreme Court of Canada and before that, as a federally appointed judge of the Court of Appeal for fifteen years, I have learned to be philosophical about my role. In so doing, I recall two quotes. The first from Antoine De Saint-Exupery, ‘He who differs from me, does not impoverish me – he enriches my understanding.’ The second one is from Voltaire, ‘There is perhaps nothing quite so foolish as to believe that you are right all of the time.’ Throughout my fifteen years on the Court of Appeal, I had two colleagues on each case. They regularly reminded me of what Voltaire had said. Now, I am more fortunate I have eight to do so. When my colleagues differ from me, I recall Saint-Exupery that by their doing so, they enrich my understanding.”

Justice Rowe hails from Newfoundland and Labrador and earned his LL.B from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1978, when he was called to the Bar of Newfoundland and Labrador. He became a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1986. While in private practice at the Ottawa office of Gowling and Henderson, he worked on disputes over the determination of Canada's Atlantic maritime boundaries, and was involved in the negotiation of a new United Nations convention on high seas fisheries. Justice Rowe was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1992, and in 1996, he became Clerk of the Executive Council and Secretary to Cabinet in the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Justice Rowe was appointed to the Newfoundland and Labrador Supreme Court, Trial Division in 1999 and was elevated to the Court of Appeal of Newfoundland and Labrador in 2001. From 2002 to 2016, he was involved with Action Canada, a youth leadership development program, as an advisor, mentor and member of the National Selection Committee. He was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada on October 28, 2016.

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.

Photo Available:

A photo of Justice Rowe with President Samuel H. Franklin and Regent Mona T. Duckett, Q.C. 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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