



# American College of Trial Lawyers

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## **THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS INSTALLS SUSAN J. HARRIMAN AS ITS 73<sup>RD</sup> PRESIDENT**

NEWPORT BEACH, CALIF. (September 17, 2022) – The American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL), one of the premier professional organizations comprised of preeminent trial lawyers from the U.S. and Canada, has installed Susan J. Harriman of Kecker, Van Nest & Peters LLP as its 73<sup>rd</sup> President.

Ms. Harriman was installed as President at the College’s 2022 Annual Meeting in Rome, Italy. A total of 769 Fellows and guests from across North America and Canada gathered in Rome to also induct 48 new Fellows and to discuss issues important to the profession.

“It is an incredible honor to serve as the 73<sup>rd</sup> President, and third woman President, of the American College of Trial Lawyers. I look forward to helping the College carry out its mission of maintaining and improving the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice and the ethics of the profession. I am excited to collaborate with the Executive Committee, our Board of Regents and the various committees of the College to help see their work continue. There are several newer College programs that I am eager to build on, such as our *Just The Beginning* Initiative to support underprivileged law students and the Diversity in the Courtroom Program to help train and mentor the next generation of diverse trial lawyers,” said Ms. Harriman, who is based in San Francisco, California. “I am so proud of all that we do to teach the next generation of skilled and ethical trial lawyers.”

Ms. Harriman was named among California’s Top Women Lawyers by the *Daily Journal* for more than two decades and has been listed by *Best Lawyers in America* for Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Legal Malpractice Law, Regulatory Enforcement, and Securities Litigation. The *Legal 500* has named Harriman a Leading Trial Lawyer and *The American Lawyer* included her among its Women Leaders in the Law.

After graduating from Brown University, Ms. Harriman served as Peace Corps Volunteer in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (then Zaire). Following law school, she was a teaching fellow at Stanford Law School and then clerked for the Hon. Robert F. Peckham of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. She formerly

served on the San Francisco Ethics Commission, and was its chairperson from 2006 to 2008.

During the Annual Meeting the College elected the following Officers who will serve until the 2023 Annual Meeting in San Diego, California. **President-Elect William J. Murphy** of Zuckerman Spaeder LLP (Baltimore, MD), **Treasurer Richard H. Deane, Jr.** of Jones Day (Atlanta, GA), **Secretary John A. Day** of Law Offices of John Day, P.C. (Nashville, TN) and **Michael L. O'Donnell** of Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell LLP (Denver, CO) as Immediate Past President (Denver, CO). The College also elected four new members to its Board of Regents at its meeting. The new Regents, who join 11 existing Regents, include **William P. Keane** of Farella Braun + Martel (San Francisco, CA), **Gregory K. Wells** of Shadoan, Michael & Wells, LLP (Rockville, MD), **Richard M. Strassberg** of Goodwin Procter (New York, NY) and **Bernard Amyot**, Ad. E. of LCM Attorneys Inc. (Montreal, QC).

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

The American College of Trial Lawyers is comprised of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada and is widely considered to be the premier professional trial organization in North America. Founded in 1950, the College is an invitation only fellowship. The College thoroughly investigates each nominee for admission and selects only those who have demonstrated the very highest standards of trial advocacy, ethical conduct, integrity, professionalism and collegiality. The College maintains and seeks to improve the standards of trial practice, professionalism, ethics, and the administration of justice through education and public statements on important legal issues relating to its mission. The College strongly supports the independence of the judiciary, trial by jury, respect for the rule of law, access to justice, and fair and just representation of all parties to legal proceedings. Learn more at [www.actl.com](http://www.actl.com).