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### THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS INSTALLS BARTHOLOMEW J. DALTON AS ITS 67<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT

*College Elects Three New Members To Its Board of Regents*

**IRVINE, CALIFORNIA – SEPTEMBER 21, 2016** – The American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL), one of the premier professional organizations composed of pre-eminent trial lawyers from the U.S. and Canada, has installed Bartholomew J. Dalton, of Dalton & Associates, P.A. (Wilmington, DE), as its 67<sup>th</sup> President to lead the College during the coming year.

The College also elected three new members to its Board of Regents at its 66th Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. The new Regents, who join 12 existing Regents, include Paul J. Hickey of Hickey & Evans (Cheyenne, WY); Daniel E. Reidy of Jones Day (Chicago, IL); and Robert E. Welsh, Jr. of Welsh & Recker, P.C. (Philadelphia, PA). Hickey has the distinction of being the first Regent from Wyoming.

“It is my great privilege and honor to serve as the 67<sup>th</sup> President of the College. I plan to attend events hosted throughout the year by our states and provinces and meet with as many of our 5,900 Fellows as possible. We will continue to uphold the traditions and standards of the College while advancing new initiatives that support our Mission,” Mr. Dalton said. “The College is committed to improving the administration of justice for all citizens, to preserving the independence of the judiciary, to assisting our veterans as they navigate the challenging benefits appeals process, and to supporting the attorneys, judges and law students who work so hard in all of the areas that are important to the College.”

At its Annual Meeting the College elected its Executive Committee. Mr. Dalton succeeds Michael W. Smith of Christian & Barton L.L.P. (Richmond, VA) as President. Mr. Smith becomes the Immediate Past President. The College also elected Samuel H. Franklin of Lightfoot, Franklin, White, L.L.C. (Birmingham, AL) as President-Elect, Jeffrey S. Leon, LSM of Bennett Jones LLP (Toronto, ON) as Treasurer and Douglas R. Young of Farella Braun + Martel LLP (San Francisco, CA) as Secretary.

Mr. Dalton has been in private practice since 1987. In 2000, he founded Dalton & Associates, P.A. specializing in the areas of plaintiffs’ medical malpractice/torts, complex civil litigation, white collar defense and cases dealing with sexual abuse. In 2004, Mr. Dalton became a Fellow the American College of Trial Lawyers. He has been named to Best Lawyers in Delaware for 24 straight years and was named Best Lawyer in Medical Malpractice and Personal Injury (Delaware) several times.

Mr. Dalton graduated from St. Joseph’s College (now St. Joseph’s University) in Philadelphia, PA with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He then graduated from the University of Tulsa Law School in 1977. Returning to the East Coast, he moved to Delaware and served as Deputy Attorney General in Wilmington, DE from 1977 to 1981. In his time as Deputy AG, he spent time in Juvenile/Family Court, the Trial Division and the Rape Unit. He left the DOJ in 1981 for private practice as an

Associate at Brandt & Benson, P.A. In 1983 he returned to the DOJ as Chief Deputy Attorney General. He left in 1987 to co-found Brandt & Dalton. Brandt & Dalton later became Dalton & Associates, P.A. in 2000.

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

The American College of Trial Lawyers is composed 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).

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