



# American College of Trial Lawyers

## **DOWNSTATE NEW YORK COMMITTEE CONDEMNS LAWYERS WHO INGNORE THE RULE OF LAW AND FORMENT VIOLENCE**

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK (January 14, 2021) Among its core missions, the American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL) seeks to promote ethical conduct by lawyers and respect for the rule of law. Those lawyers – including Rudy Giuliani – who advocated for Congress to overturn the result of an election that had been certified by the Electoral College, based on false and unsupported claims of election fraud rejected by multiple courts throughout the country, failed to honor that sacred responsibility. The actions of these lawyers in stoking false claims and ignoring the rule of law were a contributing cause of the brutal storming of the Capitol last week, which conduct threatened our democracy and led to death, injury, and the desecration of our seat of government. The Downstate New York Committee of the ACTL condemns in the strongest terms the conduct of those lawyers who ignored the rule of law and fomented this violence through their unethical and dangerous conduct.

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### **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 lawyer's organization in both countries. 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 is dedicated to maintaining and seeking 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. For more information about the College, visit its website at [www.actl.com](http://www.actl.com).

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