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ACTL Calls for Strengthening Civic Education on National Civics Day

NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA (October 27, 2025) — This National Civics Day, the American College of Trial Lawyers remains committed to educating the public about the basic tenets of our democratic system of government, as well as our shared responsibility to safeguard it for future generations.

Over recent decades, comprehensive civic education has been on the decline in classrooms and communities across the United States. As a result, too many young people graduate high school lacking a clear understanding of how government works, the role of the court system, or what it means to be an engaged citizen. Amid escalating attacks on the rule of law, strengthening this vital curriculum can help rebuild confidence in the very institutions that sustain our democracy.

In and out of the courtroom, ACTL Fellows believe it is paramount that everyday Americans are made aware of their rights and maintain trust in a fair, impartial system of justice. Through its partnership with the National Constitution Center and other programming, the College continues to support initiatives that strengthen civic education — ensuring the next generation is equipped not only to know their rights, but to defend and uphold them.

As Thomas Jefferson would often note, an informed citizenry is “the heart of a dynamic democracy” and “the best defense against tyranny” in our time. On National Civics Day, the College calls on policymakers and the legal community to make civic education a national priority for all Americans.

About The American College of Trial Lawyers

The American College of Trial Lawyers comprises the best of the trial bar from the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico 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



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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.

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