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The American College of Trial Lawyers Installs Sandra A. Forbes as its 77th President

NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA (October 25, 2026) – The American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL), one of the premier legal associations in North America, has installed Sandra A. Forbes of Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP as its 77th President.

Ms. Forbes, who has been a Fellow since 2011, assumed the position of President before an audience of more than 900 of the United States and Canada's most accomplished trial lawyers during the recent Annual Meeting of the College in New York City, where 78 new Fellows were also inducted.

"It is an honor to serve as President of the American College of Trial Lawyers," said Ms. Forbes, who is based in Toronto, Ontario. "The College is committed to protecting an independent judiciary, promoting access to justice and supporting the rule of law – all foundational principles of a healthy democracy. As the College's third Canadian President, I look forward to strengthening the bonds of friendship and respect between the Fellows of the United States and Canada."

Sandra A. Forbes has a broad commercial litigation practice across Canada, including class action defense and anti-trust matters. After graduating from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1990, she clerked for the Honorable Mr. Justice Peter Cory of the Supreme Court of Canada in 1990-1991. In 1992, she joined the predecessor to Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP, where she has practiced her entire career and now sits as a member of the firm's management committee.

In addition to her role as President of ACTL, Sandra has served as President of The Advocates' Society and a Director of Pro Bono Ontario. She is currently the Editor in Chief of The Ontario Reports. She is highly ranked by a number of legal directories, including Chambers (Band 1) and, in 2025, was awarded Litigator of the Year at the Canada Law Awards.

During the Annual Meeting, the College installed the following new Officers to serve until its 2027 Annual Meeting in Toronto, Ontario: **President-Elect Catherine M. Recker** of Welsh & Recker, P.C. (Philadelphia, PA); **Treasurer Jeffrey E. Stone** of McDermott Will & Schulte LLP

(Chicago, IL); **Secretary** William P. Keane of Farella Braun + Martel LLP and **Immediate Past President John A. Day** of the Law Offices of John Day, P.C. (Nashville, TN).

The College also elected 4 new members to its Board of Regents at its meeting. The new Regents, who join 11 existing Regents, include: **Melinda Haag** of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP (San Francisco, CA); **Stephen D. Raber** of Williams & Connolly LLP (Washington, DC); **Sharon L. McCarthy** of Kostelanetz LLP (New York, NY); and **Martha McCarthy** of McCarthy Hansen & Company LLP (Toronto, ON).

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 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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