



American College of Trial Lawyers

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THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS INSTALLS RICHARD H. DEANE, JR. AS ITS 75TH PRESIDENT

NEWPORT BEACH, CA. (September 30, 2024) – 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 Richard H. Deane, Jr. of Jones Day as its 75th President.

Mr. Deane was installed as President at the College's 2024 Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. Approximately 900 Fellows and guests from across North America gathered in Nashville to discuss issues important to the profession and to induct 88 new Fellows.

"It is an incredible honor to serve as the 75th President of the American College of Trial Lawyers. I am excited to continue the important work of the College and fulfill the tenets of our Mission: supporting an independent judiciary, the rule of law, trial by jury, and access to justice," said Mr. Deane, who is based in Atlanta, Georgia. "There are also several College initiatives that I am eager to build on, such as our Trial Advocacy Programs and our partnership with the National Constitution Center, among others."

Currently Of Counsel at Jones Day, Mr. Deane previously served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia in Atlanta. He served as an AUSA in the Criminal Division of that office. Rick rose through the ranks of the U.S. Attorney's office, becoming Chief of the General Crimes Section and later Chief of the Criminal Division of that office. In 1994, Rick was appointed as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Georgia and was later appointed United States Attorney for the district by President Bill Clinton, also serving under President George W. Bush.

Mr. Deane graduated with honors from the University of Georgia and went on to attend law school at UGA as an Earl Warren Fellow. Upon graduation from UGA, Rick attended the University of Michigan, School of Law where he obtained an LLM, focusing on constitutional history.

During the Annual Meeting the College elected the following Officers who will serve until the 2025 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC: **President-Elect John A. Day** of Law Offices of John Day, P.C. (Nashville, TN), **Treasurer Sandra A. Forbes** of Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP (Toronto, ON), **Secretary Catherine M. Recker** of Welsh &

Recker, P.C. (Philadelphia, PA) and as **Immediate Past President William J. Murphy** of Zuckerman Spaeder LLP (Baltimore, MD). The College also elected three new members to its Board of Regents at its meeting. The new Regents, who join 12 existing Regents, include **Carolyn J. Fairless** of Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell LLP (Denver, CO), **Terri L. Mascherin** of Jenner & Block LLP (Chicago, IL) and **David E. Ross** of Ross Aronstam & Moritz LLP (Oxford, MS).

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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.

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