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Press Release



David J. Beck Named President of American College of Trial Lawyers

HOUSTON, Tex. – October 17, 2006 – The American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL) one of the premier professional organizations composed of the best trial lawyers in the U.S. and Canada, installed **David J. Beck** as the organization's new president at its 56th annual meeting in London. Beck, a partner at Beck, Redden & Secrest, L.L.P. (Houston, TX) succeeds Michael A. Cooper of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP (New York, NY).

At its annual meeting the ACTL also conferred an Honorary Fellowship on the Honorable John G. Roberts, Jr., Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. The College's Honorary Fellowship program recognizes those individuals whose accomplishments in the law have earned them a high degree of respect and eminence in the legal profession, the judiciary or public service.

The American College of Trial Lawyers is an honorary association comprised of experienced trial lawyers in the United States and Canada who are dedicated to furthering the administration of justice and improving the ethics and standards of the trial profession.

Beck has been a Fellow of the College since 1982. An active trial lawyer throughout his professional career, he was named by *The National Law Journal* as one of the top 10 trial lawyers in the United States and one of the "Go to Lawyers for Lawyers in Trouble" by the *Texas Lawyer*. Beck also served as President of the State Bar of Texas, and is the 2005 recipient of the Anti-Defamation League's Jurisprudence Award. In 2004, United States Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist appointed him to the Judicial Conference Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure whose committee's members include some of the leading judges, academicians, and practitioners in the United States. Beck received his LL.B. from the University of Texas (1965).