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AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS
INSTALLS 2009-2010 PRESIDENT JOAN A. LUKEY
AND ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD OF REGENTS
AT 59TH ANNUAL MEETING IN BOSTON

IRVINE, Calif. – October 20, 2009 – The American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL), the premier professional organization composed of the best trial lawyers in the United States and Canada, installed Joan A. Lukey as the organization's 60th president on October 10, 2009, at its annual meeting in Boston. Lukey, the first female president of the ACTL, is a resident of Boston, Massachusetts, and succeeds John J. (Jack) Dalton of Atlanta, Georgia. "What an extraordinary honor to be the 'face' of this wonderful organization for the next year! Phil and I are looking forward to our travels, and to seeing old friends and meeting new ones," said Lukey, a partner of Ropes Gray LLP in Boston.

Inducted as officers at the annual meeting were Gregory P. Joseph (New York, New York), President-Elect; Thomas H. Tongue (Portland, Oregon), Treasurer; Chilton Davis Varner (Atlanta, Georgia), Secretary; and John J. (Jack) Dalton (Atlanta, Georgia), Immediate Past President. The new Regents of the ACTL's Board, all of whom will serve four-year terms, are Bartholomew J. Dalton of Dalton & Associates, P.A. (Wilmington, Delaware); John M. Famularo of Stites & Harbison PLLC (Lexington, Kentucky); Samuel H. Franklin of Lightfoot, Franklin, White, L.L.C. (Birmingham, Alabama); and Michael W. Smith of Christian Barton, L.L.P. (Richmond, Virginia).



One hundred twenty-nine new Fellows were inducted at the annual meeting. (See attached for complete list.) The new inductees are from 37 different states, four provinces, one U.S. territory, and the District of Columbia.

As president, Lukey will focus on such diverse issues as the vanishing jury trial and implementation of proposed principles to address delays in the civil justice system. Through the efforts and support of the ACTL's standing, state and province committees, Lukey will address issues of critical importance to the legal profession.

A graduate of Smith College and Boston College Law School, Lukey has been a Fellow of the College since 1991. In 1997, she was named Chair of the Massachusetts State Committee. She was elected Regent in 2002 and served as Secretary in 2006 and Treasurer in 2007. Active in numerous legal organizations (including past president of the Boston Bar Association) and the recipient of numerous honors and awards, Lukey's practice focuses on complex business litigation. Since 1983, she has been consistently selected by her peers for each edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

Lukey is married to attorney Philip D. Stevenson, and has one daughter and two step-children.

The American College of Trial Lawyers is an honorary association comprised of experienced trial lawyers in the United States and Canada who have mastered the art of advocacy and who adhere to the highest standards of ethical conduct and professionalism. The College is dedicated to furthering the administration of justice and improving the ethics and standards of the trial profession. The College's Fellowship represents all branches of trial practice, enabling the organization to speak with a balanced voice on important issues affecting the legal profession and the administration of justice. The organization's current membership includes more than 5,700 lawyers and Judicial Fellows. For more information, visit www.actl.com.

**Newly Inducted Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers
2009 ANNUAL MEETING – Boston, Massachusetts
October 10, 2009**

<u>Inductee's Name</u>	<u>City, State/Province</u>
Robert G. Abrams	Washington, DC
James R. Allison	Denver, CO
Joseph C. Arellano	Portland, OR
Guy R. Ayres III	Ocean City, MD
Michael J. Barta	Washington, DC
Sam F. Baxter	Marshall, TX
Christopher J. Beeman	Pleasanton, CA
Richard C. Bennett	Oakland, CA
Gregg L. Bernstein	Baltimore, MD
Yvan Bolduc	Montreal, QC
Samuel W. Braver	Pittsburgh, PA
Eugene W. (Chip) Brees, II	Austin, TX
Benjamin H. Brewton	Augusta, GA
Keefe A. Brooks	Birmingham, MI
Jonathan C. Bunge	Chicago, IL
Jim Burnham	Dallas, TX
Peter B. Carlisle	Honolulu, HI
Paul V. Cassisa, Jr.	Oxford, MS
Ralph E. Chapman	Clarksdale, MS
Edward K. Cheffy	Naples, FL
Beth H. Christman	Wilmington, DE
James A. Christman	Chicago, IL

Michael D. Cok
Francisco J. Colon-Pagan
Miriam Conrad

Bozeman, MT
San Juan, PR
Boston, MA

Peter Cronyn
Francis J. Deasey
Marc DeSisto
Connie L. Diekema
George P. Donaldson, III

Ottawa, ON
Philadelphia, PA
Providence, RI
Des Moines, IA
Albany, GA

David B. Donchin
William G. Dryden
Patrick J. Ducharme
Kevin P. Durkin
Dianne B. Elderkin

Oklahoma City, OK
Boise, ID
Windsor, ON
Chicago, IL
Philadelphia, PA

Patrick W. Emery
Peter C. Erbland
John H. Feeney
Charles P. Gaines
Robert M. Galumbeck

Santa Rosa, CA
Coeur d'Alene, ID
San Francisco, CA
Talladega, AL
Tazewell, VA

Bruce R. Genderson
James T. Gilbert
Tom Godbold
Robert G. Grant, Q.C.
John C. Gray

Washington, DC
Richmond, KY
Houston, TX
Halifax, NS
Sioux City, IA

Ronald B. Grayzel
John A. (Jack) Guernsey
James J. Hagle
Anthony J. Hancock

Edison, NJ
Philadelphia, PA
Urbana, IL
Phoenix, AZ

David A. Handzo	Washington, DC
Brook Hart	Honolulu, HI
Olen G. Haynes	Johnson City, TN
Marie Henein	Toronto, ON
Edward T. Hinchey	Boston, MA
Adam S. Hoffinger	Washington, DC
Marie-Josée Hogue	Montreal, QC
David P. Hoose	Amherst, MA
Wilbor J. Hust, Jr.	Tuscaloosa, AL
Anthony A. Joseph	Birmingham, AL
Bruce Keplinger	Overland Park, KS
Robert M. Kincaid, Jr.	Columbus, OH
Bruce J. Klores	Washington, DC
Raymond F. Larkin, Q.C.	Halifax, NS
Steven L. Larson	Libertyville, IL
Richard B. Lindsay, Q.C.	Vancouver, BC
Scott K. Logan	Prairie Village, KS
Kevin P. Lucas	Pittsburgh, PA
Paul R. Lynch	Mount Vernon, IL
Thomas F. Maffei	Boston, MA
J. Bruce Maffeo	New York, NY
John P. Mandler	Minneapolis, MN
Paul J. Manion	Detroit, MI
Robert C. Martin, Jr.	Columbus, GA
John F. McCaffrey	Cleveland, OH
Robert G. McCampbell	Oklahoma City, OK

John J. McCarthy
Charles S. McCowan, Jr.
Chris A. Messerly
John L. Messina
Doug Mitchell

Rockville, MD
Baton Rouge, LA
Minneapolis, MN
Tacoma, WA
Montreal, QC

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Minneapolis, MN
Globe, AZ
Baton Rouge, LA

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Decatur, GA
Galveston, TX
Boise, ID

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