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### ATTORNEY ADMITTED TO AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS

James F. McKibben, Jr. has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in North America.

The induction ceremony at which James \_\_\_\_\_ became a Fellow took place recently before an audience of approximately 600 persons during the recent 2017 Spring Meeting of the College in Boca Raton Florida.

Founded in 1950, the College is composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada. Fellowship in the College is extended by invitation only and only after careful investigation, to those experienced trial lawyers of diverse backgrounds, who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality. Lawyers must have a minimum of fifteen years trial experience before they can be considered for Fellowship.

Membership in the College cannot exceed one percent of the total lawyer population of any state or province. There are currently approximately 5800 members in the United States and Canada, including active Fellows, Emeritus Fellows, Judicial Fellows (those



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who ascended to the bench after their induction) and Honorary Fellows. 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.

The College is thus able to speak with a balanced voice on important issues affecting the legal profession and the administration of justice.

James F. McKibben, Jr. is a partner in the firm of McKibben, Martinez, Jarvis & Wood, L.L.P. and has been practicing in this city for 47 years. The newly inducted Fellow is an alumna (alumnus) of University of Houston School of Law.

**NOTE TO INDUCTEE:** This announcement may contain such additional biographical material about the inductee as will identify him or her, such as offices held and significant professional awards or other recognition. Inductees should, however, keep in mind that the American College of Trial Lawyers believes that election to Fellowship speaks for itself as to the inductee's professional stature and that any announcement of one's election should be in good taste, dignified and devoid of self-promotion issues affecting the legal profession and the administration of justice.

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