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**U.S. ATTORNEY FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA ADMITTED
TO AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS**

Tampa, FL - The American College of Trial Lawyers announces today that Robert E. O'Neill has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL). Founded in 1950, and composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada, the ACTL remains one of the premier legal associations in America. Fellowship in the College is extended by invitation only and only to those experienced trial lawyers 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.

Membership in the College cannot exceed one percent of the total lawyer population of any state or province and lawyers are required to have a minimum of fifteen years trial experience prior to being considered for Fellowship. Currently, there are 5,863 Fellows in the United States and Canada, including active, Emeritus, Judicial and Honorary Fellows.

The College strives to improve and elevate the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice and the ethics of the trial profession. Qualified lawyers are called to Fellowship in the College from all branches of trial practice. They are carefully selected from among those who represent plaintiffs or defendants in civil cases and those who prosecute or defend the accused. The College is thus able to speak with a balanced voice

on important issues affecting the legal profession and the administration of justice.

Robert E. O'Neill is currently the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, spanning 35 of Florida's 67 counties. This newly inducted Fellow graduated Magna Cum Laude from Fordham University (Bronx, New York) with a B.A. in Political Science in 1979 and was awarded his J.D. (Cum Laude) from New York Law School in 1982.

The induction ceremony at which Mr. O'Neill joined the ranks of other prominent fellows took place recently before an audience of 700 attendees during the 2011 Spring Meeting of the American College of Trial Lawyers in San Antonio, Texas.