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Georgia Trial Lawyers Association Selects 2016-2017 LEAD Program Class

ATLANTA – The Georgia Trial Lawyers Association has announced the selections for the 2016-2017 Leadership Education & Advanced Direction (LEAD) Program. Now beginning its fourth year, the widely-acclaimed LEAD Program serves to train and equip GTLA members who have been identified as potential leaders in the Association with the necessary tools to take the next steps in their legal careers, both in and out of the courtroom.

After an extensive application review and selection process, 17 attorneys were chosen to participate in the 2016-2017 GTLA LEAD Program. They are as follows:

Mecca Anderson

The Summerville Firm, Atlanta

Sam Nicholson

Nicholson Revell, LLP, Augusta

Kristy Davies

Harris Penn Lowry, Gainesville

David Rohwedder

Butler Wooten & Peak, LLP, Columbus

D. Adam Harper

Suthers Law Firm, Savannah

Rob Snyder

Butler Wooten & Peak, LLP, Atlanta

Rep. Trey Kelley

Parker and Lundy, Cedartown

James Stone

Boone & Stone, Atlanta

Steve Litner

Litner & Deganian, P.C., Atlanta

Dre Tennille

Ken Hodges Law, Atlanta

Caroline McGlamry

Pope McGlamry, PC, Atlanta

Sachin Varghese

Bondurant Mixson & Elmore, Atlanta

Molly McNeeley

Harris Penn Lowry, Atlanta

Evon Williams

Morgan & Morgan, Atlanta

Michael Melonakos

The Roth Firm, Atlanta

Joseph Wilson

Fried Rogers Goldberg, LLC, Atlanta

Ross Moore

Ross Moore, II, P.C., Atlanta

“The GTLA LEAD Program has identified itself as the premier leadership program for young lawyers in our state, and for four years now has helped prepare Georgia’s best and brightest for successful careers as leaders, not only in our Association, but in the courtroom and in their communities as well,” remarked Pope Langdale, President of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association. **“I have no doubt that tradition will continue with the selection of this year’s class, and I am eager to work with this esteemed group of young lawyers as they make their way through this year’s program and prepare to be the future leaders of our Association.”**

The GTLA LEAD Program consists of qualified applicants with less than 10 years of legal practice experience or those who are 35 years of age or younger. The 2016-2017 LEAD Program will feature six sessions beginning on November 18-19 in Athens, Georgia and concluding with graduation at the GTLA Annual Convention & President’s Gala in Atlanta on April 27-28, 2017.

"As graduates of the GTLA LEAD Program, we can speak to the tremendous benefits the program provides for graduates’ leadership skills and legal career,” stated LEAD Program Co-Chairs M.J. Blakely and Yvonne Godfrey. **“This year boasted some of the most qualified and professionally diverse applicants in program history, not only proving to be quite the difficult selection process, but also reassuring of the vitality of the program for years to come. GTLA is fortunate to have such dedicated, career-driven individuals prepared to lead our Association.”**

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About GTLA: Founded in 1956, the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association (GTLA) is dedicated to strengthening and upholding Georgia’s Civil Justice System and protecting Georgia citizens’ Constitutional Right to Trial by Jury.