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**New Jersey Chapter of the American College of Trial Lawyers
Selects Thomas F. Champion, Esq. for Francis X. Dee Award**

*Newly Established Award Honors One of the Nation's
Most Highly Respected Trial Attorneys*

MORRISTOWN, NJ – February 4, 2019 – The New Jersey Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL), recently announced that it has selected Thomas F. Champion, Esq. as the second recipient of the Francis X. Dee Award, in recognition of a trial lawyer who demonstrates outstanding advocacy skills, and is dedicated to improving the standards of trial practice and administration of justice. The award will be presented at The New Jersey Fellows of the ACTL annual reception and dinner on February 9, 2019.

This award celebrates the life of Francis X. Dee, an ACTL Fellow member who during his 47-year legal career, was broadly recognized by his peers as a trial lawyer who exemplified the profession's highest ideals. Francis (Frank) Dee, who served as a Partner at Morristown-based McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP, was considered one of the nation's most respected employment attorneys.

The award recipient, Thomas F. Champion, currently serves a partner, co-chair of the Professional Services Liability Team, and a senior member of Drinker Biddle's Products Liability and Mass Tort Practice Group. Mr. Champion, a long time ACTL Fellow, has earned an extensive list of professional accomplishments, honors, and recognitions over his five decade long legal career.

Edward B. Deutsch, Managing Partner of McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP, noted that, "After more than two years, our firm continues to mourn the loss of Frank Dee. The ACTL award in his honor, and the selection of Tom Champion as its second recipient, provide great comfort that Frank's legacy and contributions to the legal profession will continue to be recognized for many years."

The award ceremony, to be held at Rats Restaurant in Hamilton, New Jersey, will be attended by NJ Fellows of the ACTL. For additional information regarding the event, contact Scott Parsons at sparsons@lawnj.net.

About the American College of Trial Lawyers

The American College of Trial Lawyers is composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada and is widely considered to be the premier professional trial organization in North America. Founded in 1950, the College is an invitation only fellowship. The College thoroughly investigates each nominee for admission and selects only those who have demonstrated the very highest standards of trial advocacy, ethical conduct, integrity, professionalism and collegiality. Learn more at www.actl.com.

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