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## **Magnolia Attorney Michael W. Boyd to Lead Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association**

**LITTLE ROCK** – Magnolia attorney Michael W. Boyd was recently named President of the Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association (ATLA) for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Boyd was handed the symbolic gavel by Immediate Past President Tre Kitchens during ATLA’s Annual Convention in Little Rock on April 29th.

“It has been a privilege working closely with Michael during my own tenure as ATLA’s President,” said Kitchens. “I am confident he will not only continue the work of strengthening our legal profession and protecting the jury system in Arkansas, but will also take the organization in new and exciting directions.”

A partner at the Magnolia law firm Bell & Boyd, P.A., Boyd’s practice includes civil litigation in both state and federal courts in the areas of contracts, corporate and business law, estate planning and probate, property law, and personal injury law. In addition, the firm accepts cases involving family law and employment law.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to lead an organization that stands for the protection of individual rights, consumer safety and the defense of the right to a trial by jury,” said Boyd. “Our civil justice system is the primary method by which citizens have access to justice and by which we hold individuals and corporations accountable. Our jury system is the bedrock of our federal and state Constitutions, and as ATLA’s President, I will continue making the protection of that system a priority for the organization.”

Boyd received both his bachelor’s degree and law degree from the University of Arkansas where he graduated *magna cum laude*. He is an avid sportsman and enjoys officiating high school football games and coaching baseball. He and his wife Jamie have four children.

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The Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association (ATLA), was founded in 1963, and is an affiliate of the American Association for Justice in Washington, D.C. The organization was established to advance the administration of justice while upholding and improving the adversary system and preserving every citizen's access to trial by jury. Through continuing legal education programs and publication, ATLA serves its membership by providing training in all fields and phases of advocacy. The association is a volunteer organization with statewide membership of approximately 1,000 lawyers from all 75 counties and several states.

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