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Trial Lawyers Executive Director to Retire

September 27, 2017 (Denver, Colorado) - John Sadwith, the executive director of the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association (CTLA) for the past 32 years, will retire on Monday, October 2. He will serve for a time in an advisory capacity for the association.

In 1985, Sadwith interviewed for the job in a Capitol Hill conference room with Ben Aisenberg, Jerry McDermott, Hub Safran, Len Goldstein and other CTLA members. After the interview, they asked him to attend the CTLA convention in Vail to meet board members and committee chairs. He began his journey as the executive director on October 22 that same year.

Since then, he has been credited for the significant growth and strength of the association. He has made a positive impact on membership numbers, seminar and event attendance, traditional and nontraditional revenue streams and the overall effectiveness of the association.

His success came from his unwavering commitment to protecting the Seventh Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. During his tenure, Sadwith stayed focused on increasing accountability and protecting the right to a jury trial at the state Capitol. Over the years, he read, scrutinized and offered solutions to more than 11,000 pieces of legislation that would have impacted Colorado families and consumers.

“John has been the heart of this organization for many years and has led this organization with great honor,” said CTLA President Michael Keating. “We cannot thank him enough for all he has done.”

Sadwith also has served as president of the National Association for Trial Lawyer Executives, the Colorado Society of Association Executives and the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Colorado. He obtained a law degree from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in political science and government from Ithaca College.

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The Colorado Trial Lawyers Association (CTLA), the largest specialty bar association in the state, protects consumer rights and works to increase public safety. CTLA is comprised of Colorado trial lawyers who are committed to the protection and advancement of trial advocacy skills, high ethical standards and professionalism in the ongoing effort to preserve and improve the American system of jurisprudence.