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## CTLA's New President Natalie Brown to Focus on Safety and Protecting Individual Rights

*Members of the state association elect new officers for the 2009 -2010 term.*

August 31, 2009 (Denver, Colorado) - The Colorado Trial Lawyers Association (CTLA), the largest specialty bar association in the state, announces the election of **Natalie Brown** to the position of president.

She leads a team of other newly elected CTLA officers to include **Peter Koclanes** from Sherman & Howard LLC in Denver, serving as president-elect; **Carrie Frank** from Klein | Frank PC in Boulder, as vice president; **James Croshal**, attorney at law in Pueblo, as secretary; and **Michael Ogborn** from Ogborn, Summerlin & Ogborn LLC in Denver, as treasurer.

Brown is the managing partner at Leventhal, Brown & Puga PC. Her practice specializes in medical negligence and personal injury litigation.

"To me, being a trial lawyer is about protecting those who need it most," said Brown. "I am proud to be chosen by my colleagues and given this opportunity to make a positive change for the people of Colorado," she added.

During the last legislative session, Brown worked to pass HB09-1305, the cost bond bill. Signed into law by the governor, the bill ensured Colorado's middle and working class had access to the civil justice system by eliminating cost bond requirements. She also testified to support the defibrillator bill that encouraged Coloradans to use automated external defibrillators to help victims of heart attacks.

Brown has been a member of CTLA since 1986 and served in various leadership roles within the organization. She often speaks at continuing legal education (CLE) events sponsored by CTLA and the Colorado Bar Association. She also has been a faculty member at the National Institute for Trial Advocacy Rocky Mountain Regional Trial Training Seminar.

CTLA's newly elected officers will serve a one-year term.

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