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Trial Lawyers' New President Peter Koclanes Leads Efforts to Protect Colorado Families and Consumers

State association members elect new officers for the 2010-2011 term.

August 31, 2010 (Denver, Colorado) - The Colorado Trial Lawyers Association (CTLA), the largest specialty bar association in the state, announces the election of **Peter Koclanes** to the position of president.

Koclanes is a member of Sherman & Howard L.L.C. focusing on commercial, class action, securities, corporate governance, natural resources and intellectual property litigation.

Other newly elected CTLA officers include **Carrie Frank** from Klein | Frank PC in Boulder, serving as president-elect; **James Croshal**, attorney at law in Pueblo, as vice president; **Michael Ogborn** from Ogborn, Summerlin & Ogborn LLC in Denver, as secretary; and **Michael Mihm** from Starrs Mihm LLP in Denver, as treasurer.

"Every day we hear about people whose lives have been devastated by the careless actions of others," explained Koclanes. "Whether it is fraud, dangerous products and services, or business misconduct, the civil justice system is a place of accountability," he added.

Koclanes has been an active CTLA member for the past 14 years. CTLA has named Koclanes volunteer of the year three times.

He often speaks at continuing legal education seminars sponsored by CTLA and the Colorado Bar Association. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical and Petroleum-Refining Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines and a Juris Doctor from George Washington University Law School.

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

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