

# Board Nominees for the 2018 Election

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## Fourth Congressional District (\* indicates current board member)

Dale Casares - Frank Cristiano\* - Brad Irwin



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CTLA is by far the most valuable resource in my practice. I attend as many CLEs and committee meetings as possible. **I constantly search the listserv and am grateful that others have posted about their experiences with issues that I'm facing.** I question whether I could competently practice without CTLA! I feel indebted to CTLA and desire to contribute in any way I can. I recently wrote an article for the Employment Law issue of *Trial Talk*. I am an Eagle donor and Guardian of Justice. Thank you for your consideration.



### Frank Cristiano\*

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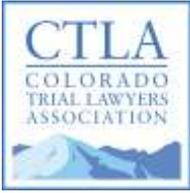
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**I'm delighted to be nominated for another term as a member of the board of directors for my absolute favorite professional organization, CTLA - my absolute favorite professional organization, which embodies and aspires towards everything that is good about us as people and lawyers.** At bit about my priorities and beliefs with regard to the organization is as follows:

**My emphasis as a director has always been with regard to CTLA's core goals, values, and functions, which include** the mutual support of its members though education, communication, advise, and support; but also to vigorously and effectively engage in essential programs that enhance our ability to function on a level playing field. These include a relentless and proactive pursuit of enabling and favorable legislation, as well as a vigilant resistance of unfavorable legislation. This organization has and should as well, become involved in the support of favorable and enlightened political candidates, as well as exert its influence in terms of judicial appointments. CTLA must, as well, be acutely aware of its public image - which should reflect the very vigorous but very professional **advocacy of our client's rights above our own interests.**

And last but not least, I believe that this organization should be progressive and inclusive of its entire membership and not merely of a small minority. Those of us who desire to participate in leadership, should be encouraged and afforded the equal opportunity to do such. The organization should be open and transparent about these functions, as well.

**I would be honored to have your support in this year's election to help me support all of the above.**



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I am honored that my fellow trial lawyers would nominate me to run for the CTLA Board of Directors. I would be very happy to serve in that capacity if elected. I think it is very important that we all stay involved as much as our own individual schedules allow and do our very best to stay ahead of the defense bar, as well as the insurance lobby, and other special interests. No one else will fight for the rights of individuals in our society and our state.

I have been in the trenches for almost 30 years now and I have seen a lot of changes in laws affecting the personal injury, **medical malpractice, employment, civil rights, and workers' compensation cases that I have handled**. I believe we are currently facing some of the most important challenges that we have ever faced and that the next couple years will be critical if we are to protect our clients and promote our profession as trial lawyers.

Thank you again for the nomination, I look forward to working with CTLA and my fellow lawyers if elected.