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**PARRISH, TANNER AND WELLS INDUCTED AS FELLOWS OF
THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS**

Editor's Note: Photos available upon request

Jacksonville, Fla. (March 21, 2012)– [Robert B. Parrish](#) of Moseley Prichard Parrish Knight & Jones; [Michael G. Tanner](#) of Tanner Bishop; and [David M. Wells](#) of Gunster have been inducted as fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a professional society of experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality.

Fellowship is extended only by invitation, after careful investigation, to outstanding lawyers who are “unquestionably and eminently qualified as actively engaged trial lawyers.” Parrish, Tanner and Wells were inducted on March 9 in Scottsdale, Arizona, before an audience of approximately 600 people at the College’s 2012 Spring Meeting. The three were among 69 lawyers from 32 states, the District of Columbia and three Canadian provinces who were inducted.

“I have long admired Robert, Mike and David as outstanding trial lawyers with the highest standards of professionalism,” said ACTL Fellow John A. DeVault III of Bedell, Dittmar, DeVault, Pillans & Coxe in Jacksonville. “We are most pleased to have them join the American College.”

“Fellowship in the American College of Trial Lawyers is a unique achievement. Past College leaders in Florida have included Cody Fowler, Chester Bedell, Bob Ervin and Harris Dittmar, among others,” said C. Rufus Pennington III of Margol & Pennington in Jacksonville, who also is an ACTL Fellow. “Robert, Mike and David highly deserve this honor because they are respected trial lawyers who are well known for their professionalism and commitment to excellence.”

Although there are currently more than 5,700 fellows across the U.S. and Canada, membership can never be more than 1 percent of the total lawyer population of any state or province. Qualified lawyers are called to fellowship in the college from all branches of trial practice: advocates who represent plaintiffs or defendants in civil proceedings of all types, as well as prosecutors and criminal defense lawyers. Fellows are in all U.S. states, all provinces of Canada, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

From its inception in 1950 until the present, the mission of the College has been to “maintain and improve the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice and the ethics of the profession.”

Other Jacksonville lawyers who are Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers:

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