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Donald L. DeVries, Jr. of Goodell, DeVries, Leech & Dann, LLP Inducted Into The International Academy of Trial Lawyers

On April 8, 2006 **Donald L. DeVries, Jr.** was inducted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers (IATL).

Membership in the Academy is limited to 500 Fellows from the United States. The qualifications for membership are rigorous and the consideration of nominees is extensive and thorough. Outstanding skills and extensive experience as trial lawyers, unimpeachable personal and professional character, integrity and honesty, are a few of the necessary qualities of every nominee. Mr. DeVries has been evaluated by his colleagues and the judges in his jurisdiction and has been highly recommended by them as possessing these qualifications and characteristics.

The IATL was chartered in 1954. In general, its purpose is to cultivate the science of jurisprudence, promote reforms in the law, facilitate the Administration of Justice, elevate the standards of integrity, honor, and courtesy in the legal profession. "We are very pleased, but not surprised, that the International Academy of Trial Lawyers has recognized Don as a top practitioner amongst national trial lawyers," said Linda Woolf, Managing Partner at Goodell, DeVries, Leech & Dann, LLP in Baltimore.

Mr. DeVries is a founding partner of **Goodell, DeVries, Leech & Dann, LLP** and member and recipient of numerous legal and medical associations, boards and awards, and has consistently been listed in The Best Lawyers in America since 1995. He has extensive expertise in complex medical issues in drug and medical device cases and in the defense of health care professionals and institutions against claims of medical and professional malpractice.

Goodell, DeVries, Leech & Dann, LLP (GDLD), located in Baltimore, Maryland, has fifty-two attorneys all of whom practice in the area of complex litigation and litigation management. The firm is best known for its expertise in the defense of pharmaceutical/medical device product liability and serious medical malpractice cases and also has an extensive practice in mass tort, commercial, employment and insurance coverage litigation. For more information, visit www.gdldlaw.com.