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JEPHTHA F. BARBOUR NAMED 2011 IADC TRIAL ACADEMY DIRECTOR

Jeptha (“Jep”) F. Barbour, a shareholder with Marks Gray, P.A. in Jacksonville, has been named the 2011 International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) Trial Academy Director. Mr. Barbour received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Stetson University earning a B.B.A. in 1979 and J.D. degree from Stetson College of Law in 1982. He practices primarily in the areas of medical malpractice, products liability, life, health, and disability insurance, and general civil litigation.

As Director of the 39th annual IADC Trial Academy, Mr. Barbour will be responsible for assembling a faculty of top defense trial attorneys from around the country and organizing and planning the week long faculty trial techniques and tactics demonstrations, as well as small group workshops for approximately 100 students. The Trial Academy is held annually at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California.

Mr. Barbour has been an active member of the IADC since 1992, serving as Chair of the Medical Defense Committee and on the faculty of the 1997 IADC Trial Academy. He is also a member of the Defense Research Institute, the American Board of Trial Advocates (President – Jacksonville Chapter, 2005), the Florida Defense Lawyers Association, the Jacksonville Defense Lawyers Association and is a Master of the Bench in the Chester Bedell Inn of Court. He was a member of the Executive Council of the Trial Lawyers Section of The Florida Bar 2002 – 2008.

Mr. Barbour is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is Board Certified in Civil Trial Law by The Florida Bar. He has served as president of the Jacksonville Bar Association (1996-1997). Mr. Barbour was listed in the Top 100 Lawyers in Florida in the 2009 Florida *Super Lawyers* magazine and was listed in personal injury defense 2007 – 2009. Additionally, Mr. Barbour appeared on the *Florida Trend Magazine’s* 2008 and 2009 Florida Legal Elite list in Civil Trial. Mr. Barbour is a past president of his Rotary Club in Ponte Vedra Beach, where he lives with his wife and three children.

The IADC has been serving a distinguished membership of corporate and defense

lawyers since 1920. Its activities benefit the approximate 2,400 invitation-only, peer-reviewed members and their clients as well as the civil justice system and the legal profession. In addition, the IADC takes a leadership role in many areas of legal reform and professional development.

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