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## **SHAREHOLDER EDWARD L. BIRK NAMED VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF DEFENSE TRIAL ATTORNEYS**

*Attorney Birk is the Fourth Member of Marks Gray to serve as Vice President*

**[April 23, 2018: Jacksonville, Florida]** Marks Gray is pleased to announce attorney Edward L. Birk was elected Vice President of the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys (ADTA) at its 77th Annual meeting in Austin, Texas on April 21, 2018. Mr. Birk has served as Treasurer and a member since 2003.

The ADTA is an organization of defense lawyers which accepts members by invitation only, allowing only one prime member per one million in population for each city, town, or municipality across the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Canada, France and The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The

ADTA invites lawyers who are “proven and recognized successful professionals possessing the highest skill level of a defense trial attorney in civil cases.”

Mr. Birk has practiced with Marks Gray since June 1999 and as a partner in the law firm since January 2003. His practice focuses on News Media & First Amendment Rights. In addition, he represents clients in municipal liabilities, E.R.I.S.A. Benefits, Employment, Fair Labor Standards Act and Products Liability. He is AV Preeminent rated from Martindale-Hubbell. Since 2013, Mr. Birk has been named to The Best Lawyers in America® for his work in Employment Law and a *Super Lawyer* by Florida Super Lawyer® magazine.



**Shareholder Edward L. Birk**

Marks Gray has a long-standing relationship with the ADTA, including past Vice-Presidents H. Frank Perritt, James C. Rinaman and Gerald W. Weedon. “We are proud to have another extremely talented and dedicated lawyer such as Ed serve the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys” said Marks Gray President, Frederick H. Kent. Attorney Ed Birk shared, “It is a very humbling experience to receive such an honor particularly because it comes from those whom I have the greatest respect.”

Marks Gray, P.A. is a multi-faceted business law firm with offices in Jacksonville, Jacksonville Beach and Lake City. The firm’s attorneys specialize in providing highly personal service while offering clients an experienced legal team whom specialize in a broad range of practice areas. The lawyers at Marks Gray represent national, regional and local clients in a variety of matters. The firms diverse practice includes extensive commercial and professional liability and tort defense litigation as well as banking, real estate, business law, probate, tax law, estate planning, immigration and workers’ compensation.

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