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## **SILVESTRI TAPPED TO CHAIR STATE COMMITTEE OF AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS**

WESTPORT, CT, Sept. 6, 2012 – A well-known Westport attorney has been named chair of the Connecticut State Committee of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the organization announced.



Frank J. Silvestri, an attorney with the Westport-based business law firm Levett Rockwood P.C., currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Committee in addition to being a member of the College's Federal Civil Procedure Committee. He steps up to his new role in October.

The Committee confidentially investigates and nominates individuals who have been proposed for fellowship in the College, with membership limited to one percent of a state's lawyers. The Committee is also charged with developing access to justice programs and providing education and training in professionalism, advocacy, ethics and civility. For example, members of the Committee have volunteered to present trial skills programs for lawyers employed by legal services organizations.

“I’m honored to be selected for this position and for the opportunity to work with colleagues on the State Committee as well as Connecticut Fellows to assist the College in fulfilling its mission,” Silvestri said.

Silvestri has over 35 years of experience representing companies and businesses. He has litigated partnership and corporate controversies involving breach of fiduciary duty and securities claims; unfair trade practice, business tort and antitrust claims; healthcare matters; and real property claims. He has represented clients in courts in New York, Delaware, Massachusetts and Minnesota as well as federal and state courts in Connecticut. In addition to being a Fellow in the College, for eight years he has been recommended for litigation in *Chambers USA – America’s Leading Lawyers for Business*, a guide to leading lawyers for business based on recommendations by both clients and peers.

Silvestri is also listed in *Best Lawyers in America*, Business Litigation, and is ranked among the top 50 *Super Lawyers* in Connecticut. He lives in Bethany with his wife, their labra doodle, and her horse.

Chambers reported that “clients give Silvestri ‘A+ for attention to detail,’ that he ‘turns out a superb work product and is a pleasure to work with,’ and he is ‘a highly experienced and admired courtroom attorney’ with ‘good strategic sense’ to find ‘the best practical resolution of a case.’”

"Levett Rockwood is fortunate to be able to offer Frank Silvestri’s talents and experience to our clients,” said Chris Graham, the firm's Managing Shareholder. “His selection for this position is more evidence of how highly regarded Frank is by all of his peers. Congratulations to both Frank and the Committee on this well-deserved appointment.”

Founded in 1950, the American College of Trial Lawyers is composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada. The College strives to improve and elevate the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice and the ethics of the trial profession.

Levett Rockwood is a commercial law firm handling mergers and acquisitions, commercial transactions and litigation, white collar defense, healthcare, capital formation, equity funds, employment, commercial real estate, tax and intellectual property law. The firm has been ranked a leading U.S. law firm by peers and clients in *Chambers* for several years, the preeminent international legal directory.

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