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Tim Lawn Becomes President of PTLA

Tim Lawn has been installed as the 2018-2019 president of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association (PTLA). He was passed the gavel at the association's annual meeting at the Sofitel Hotel before 170 PTLA members. His presidential term began July 1, 2018.

Known for his unyielding commitment to his clients, Lawn has devoted over two decades to the representation of those who have suffered serious injuries or death because of the negligent acts of others. In addition to having held several leadership positions in the legal profession, Lawn also serves as chair of the Dave Palmer Memorial Foundation, a charity he founded in 1992 to provide financial assistance to children who have lost a parent to an untimely death. He is also a member of the board of directors of Frankie's World Foundation, a daycare provider for children with medical needs in North Philadelphia.

As someone who spent years teaching trial advocacy to law students and who commits countless hours teaching other attorneys in continuing legal education seminars, Lawn stated that one of his main goals this year will be to focus on training the next generation of trial attorneys and future PTLA leaders.



This summer, Amber Racine received the Judge Doris May Harris Image Award from the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Bar Association Women Lawyers Division (WLD). Formed in 1981, the WLD works to assist women of color in the legal community by fostering collaborative networks and supporting efforts to obtain education, bar admission and employment.

"The Judge Doris May Harris Image Award recognizes an African American woman attorney who best personifies the ideals Judge Harris represented - a deep commitment to mentorship, a motivating force in community outreach, and professional excellence and integrity," said Alisha Lubin, WLD president. "Amber is known for leading community outreach projects, being a resource for others and, most importantly, mentoring young women attorneys and law students. I can personally attest to the impact Amber can have on a young attorney's career – she challenges you to try new opportunities, to maintain a level of professional excellence, and to dedicate time and resources to helping others."

Photo: Amber Racine (third from left) is congratulated on her award by, from left, WLD President Alisha Lubin and WLD members Maya Brown; Christian Wynne; Shanna Miles, Esq.; and Ashley Hobson, Esq.



Chuck Hehmeyer Speaks at International Metabolic Conference

Chuck Hehmeyer recently spoke at the International Metabolic Conference in Minneapolis, MN, which was hosted by the Fatty Oxidation Disorders Family Support

Group and the Organic Acidemia Association. This soldout event brought together families and professionals to share experiences with and expertise on metabolic disorders, spanning medical, psychological, nutritional, social, educational, and screening issues.

Chuck spoke alongside D. Holmes Morton, MD, an internationally-known physician who specializes in genetic disorders of Amish and Mennonite children. The two discussed emergency protocols for children with rare diseases, and what documentation families and medical professionals should have in place so that, in case of hospitalization, no time is lost in successfully treating the child.





On July 21, 2018, Tim Lawn was inducted as a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers (IATL). IATL is an international group of elite trial lawyers from more than 30 countries who have demonstrated exceptional skill and ability in jury trials and appellate practice throughout their career. Fellowship is by invitation only, after an extremely careful vetting process, and limited to 500 active trial lawyers.

This prestigious designation in the firm is now shared by Tim, Roy DeCaro and Bernie Smalley.

Welcome Noah Goodman



Raynes Lawn Hehmeyer recently welcomed attorney Noah Goodman to our team. Noah joined the firm to put his educational training and professional experiences to use on behalf of individuals and families who have suffered catastrophic emotional and physical harm.

Even before working in private practice, Noah knew that he wanted to advocate for those in need. As a law student, his distinguished courtroom skills were recognized where he was the two-time Barrister Award winner for the top trial advocate and received the highest distinction for his appellate advocacy.

In 2016, Billy Penn named Mr. Goodman "Who's Next" in the Philadelphia legal community. After graduating law school magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, he gained valuable experience at a distinguished large firm in Center City Philadelphia before joining the Raynes Lawn Hehmeyer team.