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### **J. Michael Parker Admitted to American College of Trial Lawyers**

Taylor Porter is pleased to announce that **J. Michael Parker** has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in America.

The induction ceremony at which Mr. Parker became a Fellow took place recently before an audience of approximately 974 persons during the recent 2009 Annual Meeting of the College in Boston, Massachusetts.

Founded in 1950, the College is composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada. Fellowship in the College is extended by invitation only and only after careful investigation, to those experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality. Lawyers must have a minimum of fifteen years trial experience before they can be considered for Fellowship.

Membership in the College cannot exceed one per cent of the total lawyer population of any state or province. There are currently approximately 5,729 members in the United States and Canada, including active Fellows, Emeritus Fellows, Judicial Fellows (those who ascended to the bench after their induction) and Honorary Fellows.

The College strives to improve and elevate the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice and the ethics of the trial profession. Qualified lawyers are called to Fellowship in the College from all branches of trial practice. They are carefully selected from among those who customarily represent plaintiffs in civil cases and those who customarily represent defendants, those who prosecute accused of crime and those who defend them. The College is thus able to speak with a balanced voice on important issues affecting the legal profession and the administration of justice.

**Mike Parker** is a partner in the firm of Taylor Porter and has been practicing in Baton Rouge for thirty-one years. The newly inducted Fellow is an alumnus of Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

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With 77 attorneys in Baton Rouge and a highly-capable technology infrastructure, the Firm is well-equipped to handle the most complex transactions and litigation, yet still serves its clients on a person-to-person basis. Our excellent reputation has been earned by providing our clients with the highest quality legal services for nearly a century. Taylor Porter remains committed to providing our clients with excellent professional services at reasonable cost.