

American College of Trial Lawyers Inducts J. Gordon Cooney, Jr. as Fellow**Contact:**

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PHILADELPHIA, September 29, 2008: J. Gordon Cooney, a partner in Morgan Lewis's Litigation Practice and Managing Partner of the firm's Philadelphia office, has been inducted as a Fellow into the American College of Trial Lawyers. The induction ceremony took place on Saturday, September 27 during the College's 58th Annual Meeting in Toronto, Ontario.

Fellowship in the College is extended only by invitation, 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 15 years of trial experience before they can be considered for fellowship.

There are approximately 5,700 Fellows across the United States and Canada, including active, Emeritus, Judicial, and Honorary Fellows. Membership in the College can never exceed 1% of the total lawyer population of any state or province. Qualified lawyers are called to Fellowship in the College from all branches of trial practice. They are selected from among advocates who represent plaintiffs or defendants in civil proceedings of all types, as well as prosecutors and criminal defense lawyers. The College is thus able to speak with a balanced voice on important issues affecting the administration of justice.

Mr. Cooney's practice encompasses a variety of commercial litigation, with particular emphasis on class actions. He currently serves as deputy leader of the firm's Commercial Litigation Practice and co-chair of the firm's Class Action Working Group. In May 2003, Mr. Cooney helped secure the release and complete exoneration of John Thompson—who was wrongly convicted of murder in 1985 and spent 18 years on death row in Louisiana. Mr. Cooney's full biography is available here: <http://morganlewis.com/bios/jgcooney>

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