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IOWA ATTORNEY MARK WEINHARDT SELECTED BY AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS

November 2, 2011 – Mark M. Weinhardt, partner in Weinhardt & Logan, P.C., a Des Moines law firm, has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in America. Membership in the College cannot exceed one percent of the total lawyer population of any state or province.

The induction ceremony at which Weinhardt became a Fellow took place the end of October before an audience of approximately 800 persons during the recent 2011 Annual Meeting of the College in La Quinta, California.

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.

Mark Weinhardt's practice is evenly divided between complex business litigation and white collar criminal cases, and he has tried more than 50 jury cases to verdict and dozens of bench trials to judgment. He has argued a number of appeals each before the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, the Iowa Supreme Court, and the Iowa Court of Appeals.

Before founding Weinhardt & Logan, P.C., Mark practiced for 20 years at Belin McCormick P.C., a full service law firm in Des Moines. In 1994 he became an equity member of that firm. He served two terms on the firm's management committee and served twice as its president, most recently in 2009.



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From 1988 through 1991, Mark served as a criminal prosecutor in the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office in Rockford, Illinois. He tried literally every type of criminal case from traffic offenses to a half-dozen first degree murder trials. Mark tried the first murder case in Illinois that involved DNA identification evidence.

Weinhardt started his practice in 1985 at Phelan, Pope & John, Ltd., a boutique litigation firm in downtown Chicago where he handled a wide variety of civil litigation matters. He also participated in the defense of a high-profile public corruption case that launched his career in the criminal law.

Weinhardt earned his law degree from the University of Michigan, J.D. cum laude, 1985 and did his undergraduate work at Dartmouth College, A.B. (economics), magna cum laude, 1982.

About American College of Trial Lawyers

There are approximately 5,800 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.

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