

American Bar Association Names Kentucky Litigator Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III President-Elect

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Washington, D.C., Aug. 10, 2010 – Former American Bar Association treasurer and past president of the Kentucky Bar Association, Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III, was elected today as ABA president-elect at the association's Annual Meeting in San Francisco. He will serve for a one-year term, before becoming ABA president in August 2011.

An ABA member for more than 35 years, Robinson is the member-in-charge of the Florence, KY, offices of Frost Brown Todd LLC, a regional law firm of nearly 500 lawyers with offices in Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, West Virginia and Indiana. Throughout his career, Robinson has been a leader in the legal profession as well as in his community, including serving as chair for the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport and the Kentucky and the Northern Kentucky Chambers of Commerce.

Robinson believes that lawyers working together can make a positive impact, and stressed, "Public service is an essential component of our professional DNA that binds us together as lawyers. Working together we will achieve meaningful, lasting, needed change."

"There are certain things that really matter," explained Robinson, "like providing effective support for our courts and for fair and equal access to justice, while ensuring fair and impartial diversity in our association and in our profession."

Robinson added, "We cannot ignore the fact that our profession has been hit hard by the economic crisis. In the coming year we will look for opportunities to make the ABA stronger and even more relevant to practicing lawyers everywhere. The ABA needs an integrated approach. We need the best ideas from all corners of the organized bar...building on past work and leadership."

At the ABA, Robinson has been a member of the association's policy-making House of Delegates for more than 25 years, chair of the Standing Committee on Governmental Affairs, member of the planning committee for the annual "ABA Day" advocacy event in April in Washington, D.C., and member of the Board of Governors' Strategic Planning Committee. For seven years, he was a member of the ABA Board of Governors.

For nearly four decades, civil litigation at the trial and appellate levels has been the primary focus of Robinson's law practice. He has substantial experience in commercial litigation, class actions, product liability defense, environmental litigation and medical malpractice defense.

Robinson's work in the law and the community has been recognized by several organizations. He has received the Judge Learned Hand Human Relations Award from the American Jewish Committee, the Lincoln Award from Northern Kentucky University, the Themis Award from the Cincinnati Bar Association, the Jacob E. Davis Award from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, the Outstanding Lawyer Award from the Kentucky Bar Association and the Oak Award as Outstanding Alumnus of Kentucky from the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education.

Robinson is a graduate of Thomas More College and the College of Law at the University of Kentucky where, in 2004, he was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame.

With nearly 400,000 members, the American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional membership organization in the world. As the national voice of the legal profession, the ABA works to improve the administration of justice, promotes programs that assist lawyers and judges in their work, accredits law schools, provides continuing legal education, and works to build public understanding around the world of the importance of the rule of law.

