

Hutchens, Senter & Britton Partner Rebecca Britton
Elected President, North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers
Britton drives 2006-2007 agenda focused on public, professional and peer service

FAYETTEVILLE, WILMINGTON and RALEIGH, N.C. – Sep. 14, 2006 – The Law Firm of Hutchens, Senter & Britton, P.A., an established foreclosure and civil litigation law firm based in Fayetteville, North Carolina, announced today that Partner Rebecca Britton has been elected president of the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers for the 2006-2007 term.

“It is a privilege to lead the Academy in addressing head-on both opportunities and challenges of the current legal environment, and its influence on the profession and people we serve,” said Britton. “I am inspired by the legal community each and every day, and its capacity for making a difference. Through the collective actions of its members, the Academy can enhance its effectiveness in protecting the interests of clients, and create real and positive change in public perception of the profession.”

Britton is the 32nd, and only fourth female, president of the Academy. Founded more than 40 years ago, the 4,000-member Academy provides lawyers with the information and professional assistance they need to serve clients successfully and help preserve a fair and accessible justice system.

In her term as president, Britton will lead the Academy to advance an agenda, “Strength in Service,” geared toward public, professional and peer service, and accountability for perceptions of the profession. Among the highlights of the Academy’s 2006-2007 objectives:

Service to the Public

- Continued development of State Mock Trial program to provide students greater understanding of the U.S. legal system, and encourage effective communication between the educational and legal communities
- New online NCATL Member Toolbox to facilitate member public speaking engagements and service projects, and access to critical information for clients

Service to the Profession

- Joint continuing legal education programs to promote understanding between Bar groups and foster common goals of the profession
- Continued work by both the Academy’s Committee on the Judiciary to support judicial excellence, and legislative team to protect North Carolinian’s rights in the General Assembly

Service to Peers

- New mentoring program to extend knowledge and experience of seasoned members to new practitioners in similar practice areas
- A resource for public service attorneys, undertaking a joint venture with Legal Aid of North Carolina and Indigent Defense Services for information sharing and networking

Britton focuses her practice at Hutchens, Senter & Britton on civil litigation, concentrating in medical negligence, catastrophic personal injury and wrongful death cases. She is admitted to the North Carolina Bar, U.S. District Court, Eastern and Middle Districts of North Carolina, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, and U.S. Supreme Court.