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**New Jersey Chapter of the American College of Trial Lawyers  
Selects Raymond M. Brown, Esq. for Francis X. Dee Award**

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*Newly Established Award Honors One of the Nation's  
Most Highly Respected Employment Attorneys*

**MORRISTOWN, NJ** – The New Jersey Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL), recently announced that it has selected Raymond M. Brown, Esq. as the first recipient of the Francis X. Dee Award, a recognition of a trial lawyer who demonstrates outstanding advocacy skills, and is dedicated to improving the standards of trial practice and administration of justice. The award will be presented at The New Jersey Fellows of the ACTL annual reception and dinner on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The newly establish award celebrates the life of Francis X. Dee, an ACTL Fellow member who during his 47-year legal career, was broadly recognized by his peers as a trial lawyer who exemplified the profession's highest ideals. Francis (Frank) Dee, who served as a Partner at Morristown-based McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP, was considered one of the nation's most respected employment attorneys.

The award recipient, Raymond M. Brown, currently serves as a Partner in the litigation department at Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP, and is widely regarded as one of New Jersey's most prominent trial lawyers for white collar defense and corporate & international human rights compliance. Mr. Brown, a long time ACTL Fellow, has earned an extensive list of professional accomplishments, honors and recognitions over his four decade long legal career, and has also served as co-host of the Emmy Award winning "Due Process," which has been broadcast on New Jersey public television for 19 years.

ACTL New Jersey State Committee Chair, Scott A Parsons, Esq., a Partner at O'Connor, Parsons, Lane & Noble LLC, said, "Because this is a newly established award, and more importantly, because Frank Dee was held in such high regard by the legal community, our committee conducted a rigorous review of those trial attorneys who are considered role models for their peers. We are extremely pleased with our selection of Ray Brown, and believe it establishes a very high bar for future recipients of this prestigious award."

Edward B. Deutsch, Managing Partner of McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP, noted that, “After more than a year, our firm continues to mourn the loss of Frank Dee. The ACTL award in his honor, and the selection of Ray Brown as its first recipient, provide great comfort that Frank’s legacy and contributions to the legal profession will continue to be recognized for many years.”

The award ceremony, to be held at Rats Restaurant in Hamilton, New Jersey, will be attended by NJ Fellows of the ACTL, President Elect Jeff Leon, the immediate members of Frank Dee’s family, as well as Raymond Brown and his wife, Wanda Akin. For additional information regarding the event, contact Scott Parsons at [sparsons@lawnj.net](mailto:sparsons@lawnj.net).

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