Timothy J. Abeel, Chair of Rawle & Henderson LLP’s Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Section and a founding member of the Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA), was honored at the 2019 TIDA Annual Seminar on October 29, 2019 for his 24 years of service as Editor of the TIDA Newsletter. Tim served as the Editor from TIDA’s founding in 1993 until last year, when he stepped down from the position. The TIDA Newsletter’s new editor is Mark Perkins, Owner of Perkins & Associates, LLC, a Shreveport, Louisiana law firm that concentrates on transportation law. Tim served as TIDA’s President in 2000 and 2001 and as a Board Member from 1994 to 2003. In 2005, TIDA presented him with the John T. Biezup Memorial Service Award for his dedication and service to the trucking industry.

“This was a legendary run as our newsletter editor,” said TIDA President Dana Hoffman at the TIDA Annual Seminar, which was held in Tampa, Florida. “Few associations across this great continent can boast that sort of continuity—an epic marathon of publications, one article, and one newsletter at a time. TIDA is proud to honor Tim Abeel for his service as the newsletter editor from 1993–2017.”

Timothy J. Abeel has defended transportation companies in the state and federal courts of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware for more than 30 years. He is admitted to practice in all the state and federal courts of Pennsylvania, as well as the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Second and Third Circuits and the Supreme Court of the United States. He has been admitted to the state and federal courts of New Jersey and Delaware pro hac vice since 1982. Tim graduated, magna cum laude, from the State University of New York at Albany and received his law degree from the Temple University School of Law. He is a recipient of the Associate Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. Award from the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Frank Edward Roda Memorial Award from the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association for Excellence in Advocacy. Tim’s clients include some of the largest transportation companies and insurers of commercial motor vehicles in the United States. He is the editor of Rawle & Henderson’s Transportation Law Update newsletter. He was a member of the Firm’s Executive Committee from 2006 to 2018. Tim has been rated AV Preeminent for 22 consecutive years and has been selected as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer for 16 consecutive years.

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R&H RANKS AMONG TOP PA FIRMS IN SIZE & DIVERSITY

Rawle & Henderson LLP has been ranked 34th in size among the top 100 firms in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for 2019, according to the *PaLaw Annual Report on the Legal Profession*, a supplement to *The Legal Intelligencer*. This ranking is based on total number of attorneys in Pennsylvania. Rawle & Henderson LLP is ranked 21st largest in the City of Philadelphia in the *PaLaw Annual Report*. The *Report* was published in December 2019.

In addition, the firm ranked 26th in Pennsylvania by percentage of female attorneys (32.89%) and 31st in Pennsylvania by percentage of minority attorneys (5.26%).

Rawle & Henderson LLP is committed to diversity in the workplace at all levels, including partners, associates, paralegals and staff. The firm has participated and sponsored diversity-promoting events with the American Bar Association, Philadelphia Bar Association and local universities and colleges. As the nation’s oldest law firm, established in 1783, Rawle & Henderson LLP remains committed to increasing its diversity.

The Commercial Motor Vehicle Section has an After Hours Emergency Response Number — 717-433-6230 — so the attorneys are accessible to respond to any emergency which arises after customary business hours.

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