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Academy elects Abrams president, others to sit on board for coming year

SUNSET BEACH — The N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers has elected new officers for its Board of Governors for 2008-09, including new president Peggy Abrams of Raleigh.

Abrams replaces Joe Cheshire, also of Raleigh, who served in the same position for 2007-08. The election occurred at the Academy's recent annual convention at Sunset Beach.

Abrams is a partner in the Raleigh firm Abrams & Abrams. She holds undergraduate and law degrees from Wake Forest University. Upon her election as president she said her term would be marked by a commitment to advocacy to clients and citizens.

She said such commitment is especially important today, when citizens need advocates at their sides: "Whether they were injured on the job or by the negligence of others; whether they were accused of crimes, or in marital relationships that had become fraught with strife; whether they were consumers who had suffered at the hands of businesses, large or small; whether they were fighting for workers compensation, Social Security or other disability benefits; or simply fighting about the placement of a fence."

Other members elected to the Board of Governors were:

David Pishko, Winston-Salem (president-elect)
Joe Cheshire, Raleigh (immediate past president)
Cliff Britt (Winston-Salem)
Mark Sumwalt (Charlotte)
Kathleen Glancy (Wilmington)
Wade Byrd (Fayetteville)
Don Beskind (Raleigh)
Charles Daye (Chapel Hill)
Phil Badour (Goldsboro)
Kerry Sutton (Durham)
Gary Jackson (Charlotte)

Mike Anderson (Raleigh)
Frank Goldsmith (Marion)
Howard Twiggs (Raleigh)
Charles Blanchard (Raleigh)

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