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## **Consumer Attorneys of California Install Brian Kabateck as President Elect**

LOS ANGELES – On Saturday, November 12, the Consumer Attorneys of California installed its officers and directors for 2012 at its 50<sup>th</sup> annual convention in San Francisco. Brian Kabateck, the founding partner of Kabateck Brown Kellner, LLP, was impaneled as the association's President Elect. This year, he served the association as its legislative chair and First Vice President.

"Now, more than ever, consumer need a strong voice in Sacramento and in the courts to preserve their access to justice," Kabateck said following the installation. "On behalf of consumers, the Consumer Attorneys of California has a significant and important legislative agenda to make the courts more accessible and to make the legal process more efficient and cost-effective. I look forward to pursuing these goals as President Elect in the coming year and working closely with the association's officers, board of directors and President Niall McCarthy."

Brian Kabateck is well known among California's legal community for having achieved more than \$1 billion in recoveries for consumers in some of the biggest and most challenging class action, mass tort, personal injury and wrongful death cases. This year, the Daily Journal honored Kabateck as one of California's Top 100 Lawyers – a designation that he has received for the third straight year. Among other achievements, he was honored for his work as lead counsel for the NAACP, in a lending discrimination case in which he secured a settlement with Wells Fargo & Co. Under that settlement, Wells Fargo changed its banking practices to abide by the NAACP's fair lending practices.

He is currently litigating on behalf of the families of ethnic minorities, such as Greeks, who were victimized during the Armenian Genocide. He is also working on behalf of consumers to recover millions in unlawfully denied insurance claims resulting from recent disasters, including the Station Fire in Southern California. In addition, he recently filed suit against BP on behalf of BP/Arco gas station owners/franchisees. The suit, which seeks \$200 million, alleges that BP required the owners to use faulty payment systems, among other allegations. Kabateck also recovered a multi-million dollar settlement on behalf of 546 plaintiffs whose investments were damaged by destination resort brand Abercrombie and Kent, and he secured the first ever settlement in the ongoing Pellicano wiretapping cases.

As legislative chair of the Consumer Attorneys of California this year, he led the

successful opposition to a bill that would have decentralized the power of the California courts and he is currently working on new legislation to improve access to justice and court efficiency.

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