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Georgia Defense Lawyers Association Elects New Officers *Representing 825+ Civil Defense Attorneys Statewide*

(June 13, 2015) **Matthew G. Moffett**, a partner at Gray Rust St. Amand Moffett & Brieske in Atlanta, has been elected president of the Georgia Defense Lawyers Association (GDLA), a statewide organization of more than 825 civil defense attorneys. He assumed office on June 13, 2015, during the 48th GDLA Annual Meeting held at Hammock Beach Resort, Palm Coast, Fla.

Other GDLA officers elected include President-elect **Peter D. Muller**, Goodman McGuffey Lindsey & Johnson, Savannah; Secretary **Hall F. McKinley III**, Drew Eckl & Farnham, Atlanta; and Treasurer **Sarah B. (Sally) Akins**, Ellis Painter Ratteree & Adams, Savannah. In addition, **James D. (Dart) Meadows**, Balch & Bingham, Atlanta; and **Jeffrey S. Ward**, Drew Eckl & Farnham, Brunswick, were elected as two of four vice presidents. They join the following two already serving in that capacity: **Craig C. Avery**, Cowser & Avery, Athens; and **David N. Nelson**, Chambless Higdon Richardson Katz & Griggs, Macon.

Newly elected to the GDLA board of directors were **William T. (Bill) Casey, Jr.**, Hicks Casey & Morton, Marietta; **Pamela Lee**, Swift Currie McGhee Hiers, Atlanta; and **Martin A. Levinson**, Hawkins Parnell Thackston & Young, Atlanta. Re-elected were **Robert R. (Rusty) Gunn, II**, Martin Snow, Macon; **George R. Hall**, Hull Barrett, Augusta; **Wayne S. Melnick**, Freeman Mathis & Gary, Atlanta; and **Ashley Rice**, Waldon Adelman Castilla Hiestand & Prout, Atlanta

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About the Georgia Defense Lawyers Association (GDLA)

The GDLA was founded 48 years ago by a group of civil defense attorneys to create a forum for networking outside of the office, courtroom and arbitration table. Initially the GDLA's focus was social camaraderie and the informal sharing of techniques and war stories. Today, it has expanded on the vision of its founders and evolved to offer formal avenues for training, networking and communication.