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## PIAA to Honor William H. Archambault, JD, with ‘MPL Industry Defender Award’ at 2018 Medical Liability Conference

Rockville, MD (May 4, 2018) – PIAA, the nation’s leading association representing the medical professional liability (MPL) insurance community, will recognize William “Bill” H. Archambault, JD, with one of the first of PIAA’s “MPL Industry Defender Awards.” The award will be presented on Thursday, May 17, at the PIAA Medical Liability Conference in Orlando, Florida. Mr. Archambault is being honored for his lifelong defense of physicians and other healthcare professionals, and for his outstanding support of the MPL industry.

Mr. Archambault has had a long and distinguished career as a defense attorney. As general counsel for the Piedmont Liability Trust since 1989, he has managed more than 600 MPL claims arising out of care provided at the University of Virginia Medical Center. He also served as lead counsel for all Piedmont Trust claims that have gone to trial, since 2008. Prior to joining Piedmont, he was a senior attorney in the Office of the Navy Judge Advocate General, managing a caseload of more than 250 MPL claims stemming from treatment in military facilities worldwide.

A notable achievement in his law career, he was a founding member of Goodman, Allen & Donnelly, a Virginia law firm specializing in the defense of healthcare professionals and institutions. In his work there, he represented physician defendants throughout Virginia, in MPL actions as well as in federal and state administrative hearings.

“Mr. Archambault has exhibited a true dedication to the cause of defending physicians,” said Richard E. Anderson, MD, Chair of the PIAA Board and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Doctors Company, “and we are gratified to bestow this honor upon him. His preeminent service in defense of physicians and other healthcare professionals in the state of Virginia is inspiring, and we are very pleased to acknowledge his tireless work in support of the MPL community with this award.”

“Bill’s reputation in the healthcare community, as well as in the legal community, in Virginia is unparalleled” said Rebecca W. West, Chief Executive Officer, Piedmont Liability Trust. “The wide range of his practice, as well as the dedication he has brought to physicians and the healthcare community in Virginia, has been unprecedented. Many consider him one of the most able attorneys that they have ever known.”

“Mr. Archambault’s track record of defending healthcare professionals is truly impressive,” stated Brian K. Atchinson, President and CEO, PIAA. “He epitomizes the significance of this new and distinguished award.”

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