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### **Bertie Leigh, Esq., Named Recipient of MPL Industry Defender Award Presentation Made at 2019 MPL Association Conference**

Rockville, MD (May 1, 2019) – The Medical Professional Liability (MPL) Association has awarded Bertie Leigh, Esq., with the Association’s “MPL Industry Defender Award.” The presentation will be held on Thursday, May 16, at the MPL Association Conference in Portland, Oregon. Mr. Leigh is being recognized for his exceptional support of the industry. The MPL Association is the international trade association representing organizations providing professional liability indemnification and insurance coverage for physicians, nurses, hospitals, clinics, and other medical clinicians and facilities.

Currently a Consultant Solicitor to Hempsons, a U.K. law firm, Mr. Leigh has conducted many of the leading cases in clinical negligence and regulatory law in the U.K. during the past 30 years, specializing in clinical negligence, professional regulation and training, National Health Service administration, and employment. He served as president of the Medico-Legal Society, 2006-2008, was chair of the National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death (NCEPOD) from 2009-2015, and is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health and a Fellow ad eundem of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Mr. Leigh has contributed to Dewhurst’s *Obstetrics and Gynaecology*, Rennie and Robertson’s *Neonatology*, and Hardman et al *Consent to Anaesthesia*.

“Bertie has been involved in a great many ground-breaking cases which have influenced medical law in this country,” said Christine Tomkins, CEO of The Medical Defence Union, Ltd. “He has made a life-long contribution to defending physicians and other healthcare professionals, and he has a wide-ranging and prominent role in multiple fora where patient safety, the management of clinical risk, and the ramifications of the medico-legal climate are pertinent.”

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