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This is to confirm Michael P. McDonald, of Lancaster, PA is certified as a Civil Trial Advocate with the National Board of Trial Advocacy (a division of the National Board of Legal Specialty Certification). He has been a member since January 3, 2002 and is in good standing with the organization. His membership file will expire on January 3, 2012 where he will then be due to recertify for another five years.

Sincerely,

**Melissa Sternbach**  
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# National Board of Trial Advocacy

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January 3, 2002

Michael P. McDonald  
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Dear Mr. McDonald:

Congratulations on meeting all the requirements necessary to be recognized as a certified member of the National Board of Trial Advocacy! You have been added to our prestigious membership of attorneys and are now officially recognized as a lawyer who has demonstrated the special knowledge, skills, and proficiency to be properly identified as a "Board Certified Civil Trial Advocate." Please refer to our web page for the listing of state regulations on the proper disclosure of NBTA certification for your state.

Your certificate will arrive within eight weeks which will identify your membership for a period of five years from the date inscribed. We ask you be sure to keep us abreast of any changes in your address, telephone, facsimile or email address. If after browsing through your packet you have any questions regarding the enclosures, please contact me directly at the number above or on the internet at: [msternb@nbtanet.org](mailto:msternb@nbtanet.org).

Again, our compliments for your excellence demonstrated in the field of civil trial law and thank you for your commitment to NBTA and attorney board certification!

Sincerely,

  
Melissa A. Sternbach  
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**Lancaster, PA**

The National Board of Trial Advocacy is pleased to announce that **Michael P. McDonald**, of the Lancaster law firm Mikus Law Associates P.C., has successfully achieved Board Certification as a civil trial advocate through NBTA. **Mr. McDonald**, joins a growing number of trial attorneys that have illustrated their commitment to bettering the legal profession by successfully completing a challenging application process and providing the consumer of legal services with an objective measure by which to choose qualified and experienced legal counsel.

Founded in 1977, the National Board of Trial Advocacy filled a substantial void in the legal profession by creating the first attorney certification program. Most consumers are familiar with certification through the medical profession, which has easily accepted that no doctor can be knowledgeable in all fields of practice and therefore requires that doctors maintain certification in a particular specialty. Although the legal profession faces similar obstacles with a body of knowledge that is large in both size and complexity, many within the legal profession have discouraged the institution of mandatory specialization. No one attorney can possibly be knowledgeable in all aspects of legal practice but the consumer of legal services is continually expected to weed through a saturated market of advertisements and unsubstantiated claims with the hope of finding quality representation.

Founder Theodore I. Koskoff and a distinguished panel of renowned lawyers forged new ground when they set forth to create an alternative to the proliferation of frivolous claims of specialization. NBTA was formed out of a strong conviction that both the law profession and its clients would benefit from an organization designed specifically to create an objective set of standards illustrating an attorney's experience and expertise in the practice of trial law. **Michael McDonald** has successfully demonstrated a shared conviction through the completion of NBTA's rigorous application process.

The elaborate screening of credentials that all NBTA board certified attorneys must successfully complete includes; documentation of trial experience, judicial and peer references, documentation of participation in continuing legal education, evaluation of legal writing skills, report of all disciplinary matters brought before any official body, either public or confidential, for scrutiny by the NBTA Standards Committee, and the completion of a day long examination. NBTA members maintain active trial practices and are required to report their disciplinary status annually. Every five years members are required to apply for recertification to insure their continued commitment to their designated specialty.

Achieving NBTA certification confirms that **Michael P. McDonald**, along with all NBTA certified attorneys, has exhibited a higher standard of professional conduct. NBTA is dedicated to the identification of attorneys with a history of enhanced skill in trial practice and insures that each NBTA board certified attorney can substantiate their specialty designation with true quality.