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LOCAL LAWYER RECEIVES MAINLAND RECOGNITION

For the first time in its 20 year history, an Ontario trial lawyer organization has recognized an out-of-province lawyer for a prestigious award.

Last week, the 1100 member Ontario Trial Lawyers Association awarded the Hillyer Award for trial advocacy to St. John's native Ches Crosbie, Q.C.

The award is made to an individual who promotes access to justice through "fearlessly advancing the cause of individual rights by the effective use of trial advocacy."

Past awards have been made exclusively to leading members of the Ontario trial bar who "exemplify the spirit" of the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association. The award is made usually but not necessarily annually.

Mr. Crosbie has come to recent national attention as the lawyer for the victims of breast cancer tests in Newfoundland and Labrador which were botched between 1997 and 2005. Similar testing problems have recently come to light in Quebec.

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