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Thompson Coburn Partner Bill Bay Selected as ABA President-Elect

The American Bar Association (ABA) [announced today](#) that [Bill Bay](#), partner in the St. Louis office of Thompson Coburn LLP, was named ABA president-elect. Bay will serve as ABA president beginning in August 2024, following the term of current president Mary Smith.

“It is a great honor and privilege to follow in the footsteps of so many extraordinary leaders,” said Bay in a statement about his election to the office of president-elect. “It is also a humbling experience to be chosen for leadership in these times of challenge and change. Now more than ever, lawyers need the American Bar Association. The ABA is a place where every lawyer can find a home, value, worth and fulfillment. I look forward to working with President Mary Smith, our volunteers and staff on this great adventure as we prepare for an exciting future for our association and profession.”

Bay is a leader in the ABA, having served as chair of the ABA House of Delegates and chair of the ABA Section of Litigation. He is a past member of the ABA Board of Governors, where he served as chair of the Board’s Finance Committee. Outside of the ABA, Bill is a member of the American Law Institute and has been selected as chair of several statewide commissions examining critical issues in the practice of law. He currently serves as the co-chair of the Supreme Court of Missouri’s Commission on Racial and Ethnic Fairness.

“We are extremely proud to see Bill selected as ABA president-elect, he’s a brilliant lawyer with a deep understanding of the challenges that are facing the legal profession and we are excited to see what he will accomplish in this new role,” said [Roman Wuller](#), Chair of Thompson Coburn.

Bay is a highly experienced litigator who has represented major corporations in high-stakes litigation for more than 30 years. His clients vary from major financial institutions to post-secondary institutions, and he regularly helps organizations manage and respond to large portfolios of litigation in multiple jurisdictions.

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