

Florida Fellows Institute Celebrates 10th Anniversary with Launch of Class VII

The Florida Fellows Institute of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), founded by Laird A. Lile, recently kicked off Class VII in Boca Raton — marking the 10th anniversary of the distinguished professional development program he helped launch to advance excellence in trust and estate law.

The opening session, led by Founding Chancellor Laird A. Lile and the Institute's leadership team, welcomed 33 new members to the 2025-26 program year.

This year's class carries on a strong tradition of family and mentorship within the trust and estate community, including Langdon Lile, son of Founding Chancellor Laird A. Lile. (Also shown are Chancellor Jerry Wolf and his son Timothy Wolf.

Building on his long-standing commitment to collaboration and professional growth, Lile introduced a new Small Group Collaboration Project for Class VII, encouraging members to work together throughout the yar, culminating in presentations during Session III. Lile first conceived the idea for the Fellows Institute, which launched in 2015, and has since inspired ACTEC Fellows to establish more than eight similar Institutes nationwide. The Florida program remains a model for cultivating the next generation of leaders in trust and estate law through six in-depth educational sessions led by national recognized experts.

Class VII will complete the program in May 2026.

