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### **Michael Marks, MD Receives Orthopaedist of the Year**

Hartford, CT – Michael R. Marks, MD, MBA, received the Connecticut Orthopaedic Society's 2015 Orthopaedist (COS) of the Year award. The award was presented by COS President, F. Scott Gray, MD during the Annual Meeting held on May 8, 2015 in Farmington, CT. He joins 20 outstanding Connecticut Orthopaedists who have received the highest honor since the award's inception in 1995.

Dr. Marks was nominated and elected for the Society's prestigious honor and highest award by the COS Board of Directors. Dr. Marks was selected by his peers for his leadership and commitment to the Society, his dedication to the integrity of the practice of medicine, and his tireless pursuit for legislative representation for the profession and patients at a state and national level.

Dr. Marks' service to his orthopaedic colleagues spans over two decades and includes serving as the Society's President from 2003 to 2005 and as Councilor for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) from 2007-2014.

In addition to his leadership on the COS Board, he was instrumental in educating hundreds of orthopaedic surgeons in Connecticut and across the country as a lead presenter and workshop facilitator for Physician-Patient Communication courses, offering valuable information to physicians to assist in enhancing the physician-patient relationship. Dr. Marks' national work with the AAOS includes Media Relations Spokesperson, educating and informing the public on orthopaedic health topics and public health matters including texting while driving.

Dr. Marks spearheaded efforts in Connecticut to increase the participation of his colleagues in the political process, always emphasizing the need for the orthopaedic profession to be at the political table to educate and inform elected officials. His passion and efforts led to the 2013 Most Improved Participation Rate award from the AAOS.

In his presentation, Dr. Gray noted that Dr. Marks was not only a passionate leader and contributor to organized medicine, but also a caring and compassionate physician who has previously served as a volunteer for AmeriCares and for the Weston High School football program.

He received his medical degree from and completed an orthopaedic residency at George Washington University School of Medicine. He continued with a fellowship in Spine Surgery at Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Ohio and is a graduate of the University of Tennessee Physician's Executive MBA program. Dr. Marks previously served as Vice President for Business Development at Norwalk Hospital and is now a healthcare consultant sharing his foresight, leadership, experience, and understanding of the complex healthcare industry.

Dr. Marks and his wife reside in Westport, CT and have three adult daughters and a son-in-law.

*The Connecticut Orthopaedic Society represents 250 orthopedic surgeons in Connecticut and seeks to foster the art and science of orthopaedic medicine among physicians and to inform the public as to the nature of orthopaedic medicine and its positive effect on their lives.*

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CT Orthopaedic Society President, F. Scott Gray, MD (left) presents Michael R. Marks, MD (right) with the Society's highest honor, Orthopaedist of the Year at the Society's Annual Meeting on May 8, 2015 at the Farmington Marriott in Farmington, CT.