



*...Bringing Together Plaintiffs' Attorneys, Defense Attorneys
and Insurance and Corporate Counsel for the
Exchange of Information and Ideas*

Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section **a section of the American Bar Association**

**Fall Leadership Meeting
October 3-7, 2007
Palm Beach, FL**

UPDATED 8/23/07

Wednesday, October 3, 2007

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| 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Leadership Strategic Communication Planning Meeting |
| 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM | Administrative Committee Meeting |
| 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Leadership Academy Meeting |
| 3:30 PM – 6:15 PM | Council Meeting and Leadership Strategic Communication Planning Meeting |
| 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM | Council and Leadership Academy Dinner
Governors Club
777 South Flager Street, West Palm Beach, Florida
By invitation only |
| 9:30 PM – 10:30 PM | TIPS Section Hospitality |

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2007

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| 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM | TIPS Registration |
| 8:00 AM – 2:45 PM | Leadership Academy Meeting |
| 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM | Scope and Correlation Committee Meeting |
| 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM | Council Meeting |
| 1:00 PM – 2:45 PM | Financial Committee Meeting |
| 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM | Task Force on Plaintiffs' Involvement Committee Meeting |
| 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM | Diversity in the Profession Committee Meeting |
| 3:45 PM – 6:00 PM | Mandatory CLE Program
Defending the Rule of Law in America; Countering Attacks on our Judicial Institutions |

Program Chairs:

Peter Bennett, The Bennett Law Firm, Portland, ME

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2007 CONT...

Description:

In recent years, the independence of the judiciary has been subject to increasing attacks on a number of fronts. These attacks have brought with them a need for the organized bar to step up and defend our judicial independence. These attacks are a significant threat, not only to the independence of the judiciary and its ability to be fair and impartial, but to the citizen's perception of the independence of our judiciary, a problem of equal significance. The number and confluence of these attacks is in combination a national crisis, and judges are constrained by the nature of their office from speaking out and defending themselves in any meaningful way. Join us for this two-part symposium, as we consider, discuss and debate some of the most prevalent issues threatening our judicial independence.

Part I - The panel will explore the issues as they exist today with an attempt to engage the audience in a deeper understanding of these issues. The Moderator will be **Doreen Dodson**, *Chair, ABA Standing Committee on Judicial Independence*. The panelists for this segment include exemplary leaders of the profession: **Hon. Dennis Archer**, *Past President, ABA and former Associate Justice, Michigan Supreme Court*; **Vanita Banks**, *President, National Bar Association*; **Mike Eidson**, *Immediate Past President, American Association for Justice*; **Hon. Fred Lewis**, *Chief Justice, Florida Supreme Court*; and **John White**, *President -Elect, Florida Bar Association*.

Part II - This part will focus on best practices in civic education by training those lawyers present on how to rebut these ongoing attacks and be the continuing voices that defend the judiciary and its independence. Part II will be moderated by: **Margie Elsberg**, of *Elsberg Associates*, a Washington, D.C. communications consultant specifically commissioned by the ABA's Judicial Division and Standing Committee on Judicial Independence to create a program entitled "In Support of Fair and Impartial Courts; Countering the Critics."

TIPS members must attend the session to obtain their ticket to the Welcome Reception. Tickets to the Welcome Reception will be distributed after the program.

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Pursuit of Justice Award Reception and Diversity in the Profession Reception

Award recipients:

Hon. Fred Lewis, Chief Justice, Florida Supreme Court
Robert Montgomery

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Welcome Reception

The Breakers Hotel

Tickets will be picked up immediately following the CLE program.

Ticketed Event: \$65 before 8/27/07 and \$85 after 8/27/07

Dress is business casual

10:00 PM – 11:00 PM

TIPS Section Hospitality

Friday October 5, 2007

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Task Force on Revenue Enhancement Meeting
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	ABA/TIPS Committee Business Meeting
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Ethics & Professionalism Committee Meeting
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Membership Committee Meeting
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Law in Public Service Committee Meeting
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Staff Counsel Committee Meeting
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	TIPS Registration
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Judicial Division Meeting
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Orientation and Training for Chair & Chair-Elect- Committee Fair
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Task Force on Federal Involvement in Insurance Regulation Modernization Meeting
9:30 AM – 11:30 PM	2007-2008 Section Meetings and Orientation Training Planning Meeting
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Scholarship Fund Board Meeting
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	West Tort and Insurance Advisory Board Meeting
10:00 AM – 12:00	Leadership Academy program and Caucus
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Dutch Treat Golf Lunch at Flagler Steakhouse
1:00 PM	Golf Event <i>The Breakers, Ocean Course</i> Ticketed Event: \$173 per person
	Free Afternoon!
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Public Service Project <i>Boys and Girls Club, West Palm Beach</i> <i>(10-15 minute drive from our hotel)</i>
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Task Force on Outreach to Young Lawyers Get-together

Friday October 5, 2007

Evening

Dutch Treat Dine Around Dinner

First date? Let's go Dutch! Join a member of Council or an Officer for an excellent and fun opportunity to get to know the established leadership better. Let us know you'd like to attend by checking the box on the registration form. We will make reservations at local restaurants based on your response and provide sign up sheets on-site. Dress casual.

8:30 PM – 10:00 PM

Leadership Academy Group Dinner

10:00 PM – 11:00 PM

TIPS Section Hospitality

Saturday, October 6, 2007

6:30 AM – 7:30 AM

Fun Run/Walk

Ticketed Event: \$25.00 per person

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Annual Meeting Program & Planning Meeting

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Section Council Meeting

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

TIPS Registration

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Task Force on Outreach to State and Local Bars Meeting

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Judicial Division Meeting

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Orientation

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Task Force On Disaster Insurance Coverage Meeting

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Technology Committee Meeting

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Publications Editorial Board Meeting

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Task Force on Outreach to Young Lawyers Meeting

10:00 AM – 12:00 AM

Public Relations Committee Meeting

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The Brief Editorial Board Meeting

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Task Force on Strategic Alliances Meeting

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

TortSource Editorial Board Meeting

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Business Litigation Committee Meeting

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Products, General Liability and Consumer Law Business Meeting

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

CLE Board Meeting

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

TIPS Law Journal Editorial Board Meeting

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| 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM | History Committee Meeting |
| 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM | Task Force on Outreach to Law Students |
| 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM | Emerging Issues Committee Meeting |
| 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Task Force on Leadership-Diversity Initiative Meeting |
| 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM | 2008/2009 Midyear, Spring and Annual Meetings Planning Meeting |
| 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Long Range Planning Committee Meeting |
| 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM | Law Student Board Meeting |
| 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Website Editorial Board Meeting |
| 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Task Force on Corporate Governance Meeting |
| 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM | National Trial Academy Meeting |
| 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM | Night at the Museum Reception and Dinner
<i>Norton Museum of Art, 1451 South Olive Avenue</i>
Attire: Business Casual
Ticketed Event: \$90 before 8/27/07 and \$115 after 8/27/07
Transportation Provided |
| 10:00 PM – 11:00 PM | TIPS Section Hospitality |

Sunday, October 7, 2007

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| 7:30 AM – 10:00 AM | Section Council Meeting |
| 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM | General Committee Board Meeting |

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