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Dear TIPS Leaders:

One of the benefits of the busy year as Chair of TIPS is the right to decide the location of the fall meeting. We want to welcome you to our home state of South Carolina, the Palmetto State. We will be meeting at beautiful Hilton Head Island, Westin Resort on Port Royal Plantation. While some commuter flights connect directly to Hilton Head, two major airports, Savannah and Charleston are readily accessible. Savannah is approximately thirty minutes away, and Charleston about an hour and a half.

On Hilton Head you will find unparalleled ocean and beach views and enough recreational activities to satisfy the most ardent athlete. We will be meeting the first weekend of October and the weather should be gorgeous. Bring your bathing suits, it is still beach weather in the south.

Our arrangements chair Joe Dent has promised wonderful parties and in connection with our history this meeting should be both fun and entertaining. The festivities will begin Thursday with a joint welcome and diversity reception. Friday morning meetings lead into our golf tournament, which will take place at the resort. We have tried to keep the meeting compact and virtually all of the festivities will take place within the resort.

In addition to the social events and fun to be had, there will be some work. Central to the core of the fall meeting will be the orientation programs on Friday and Saturday and the various workshops for the Chairs and Chair-Elects of the general committees. As always, Special Standing Committee meetings will take place throughout the weekend. Though we are scheduling these meetings to allow you enough time to visit and enjoy the charm of Hilton Head.

Weather in South Carolina in October is generally excellent (bar the occasional hurricane). Beachwear should be fine, maybe an occasional sweater in the evening. This will be a family-friendly meeting so spouses, children, friends and parents are welcome. There will be something for everyone to enjoy. The dress code for the meeting is casual and more casual so plan to be comfortable and be prepared to work and play hard.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Tim and Margaret Bouch

TIPS Fall Meeting • October 4-7, 2007 • Palm Beach, FL
ABA Midyear Meeting • February 6-12, 2008 • Los Angeles, CA
TIPS Spring Meeting • May 1-4, 2008 • Las Vegas, NV
ABA Annual Meeting • August 7-12, 2008 • New York, NY