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**CHARLES L. BECTON RECEIVES PURSUIT OF JUSTICE AWARD**

CHICAGO, October 17, 2006— The American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section today announced that it will honor Charles L. Becton, of Becton, Slifkin & Bell, P.A., with a Pursuit of Justice Award. The award will be presented during TIPS Fall Meeting at the Task Force for Plaintiff's Involvement Reception, from 5:15 to 7:45 pm on October 19, at the Donald Ross Grill in the Pinehurst Resort, Pinehurst, NC.

The Pursuit of Justice Award is awarded quarterly to recognize civil litigation lawyers who have shown outstanding merit and excelled at ensuring access to justice.

Becton is a Senior Lecturing Fellow at Duke University School of Law, as well as the John Scott Cansler Lecturer at the University of North Carolina School of Law. He previously served as a Judge on the North Carolina Court of Appeals and was named the North Carolina Appellate Judge of the Year in 1985. He has authored several books on trial advocacy and lectured extensively throughout North America and South Africa. Becton has earned numerous awards for his work in trial advocacy and education, including the Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., Trial Advocacy Award, the Roscoe Pound Foundation's Richard S. Jacobson Award, and his namesake award from the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, the Charles L. Becton Trial Advocacy Award.

Becton is a graduate of Howard University, earned his Juris Doctor from Duke University School of Law, and received his LL.M from the University of Virginia School of Law. He is a past president of both the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers and the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers. Becton is a member of the American Bar Association, the International Society of Barristers, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Board of Trial Advocates.

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