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**Pursuit of Justice Award to be Presented to South Carolina Lawyer
Kenneth M. Suggs**

CHICAGO, Sept. 30, 2008 — The American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section will honor Kenneth M. Suggs of Columbia with the Pursuit of Justice Award, which recognizes lawyers and judges who have shown outstanding merit and excelled at ensuring access to justice.

The award will be presented to Suggs at the ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section's fall meeting in Hilton Head, S.C., during the Joint Welcome and Diversity in the Profession Reception, Ocean Front Pavilion, Westin Resort Hilton Head Island, Thursday, Oct. 2, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Suggs is a principal in the firm Janet, Jenner & Suggs, Columbia, where he has practiced medical negligence and pharmaceutical law for more than 30 years. Prior to that, Suggs was an officer in the U.S. Navy and served two years of duty in Vietnam. He received a Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1975 and a Bachelor of Arts in economics from Clemson University in 1968.

Suggs is active in numerous legal organizations, including the American Association for Justice, where he is the immediate past president; South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association; American Board of Trial Advocates; American College of Trial Lawyers; and the U.S. District Court Advisory Committee, where he drafted the South Carolina Rules of Evidence adopted by the state Supreme Court.

For his longtime commitment to ensuring justice, Suggs has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Advocate of the Year Award from the South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center, the Public Citizen Award from the South Carolina Trial Lawyers and the Compleat Lawyer Award from the University of South Carolina School of Law.

In naming Suggs as a recipient of the POJ award, Section Chair Timothy W. Bouch of Charleston, said, “Kenneth Suggs has demonstrated his commitment over the years to ensuring access for justice for all. We in TIPS are proud to present him with the Pursuit of Justice Award for his dedication to the interests of his clients and helping them have their day in court. Throughout his career, he has shown a strong sense of community and has served our country. His service to TIPS and other organizations, including the AAJ, is important as a model for the next generation of lawyers who can learn from his experience and who can go on to lead and serve.”

The ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section unites plaintiff, defense, insurance and corporate counsel to advance the civil justice system. TIPS is a national source of expertise in tort, trial and insurance practice and brings lawyers together to share information and speak out on issues of importance. The section, with nearly 35,000 members, has 34 general committees that focus on substantive and procedural matters in areas across the broad spectrum of civil law and practice. For more information about the Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section visit the TIPS Web site, www.abanet.org/tips.

With more than 407,000 members, the American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional membership organization in the world. As the national voice of the legal profession, the ABA works to improve the administration of justice, promotes programs that assist lawyers and judges in their work, accredits law schools, provides continuing legal education, and works to build public understanding around the world of the importance of the rule of law.