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**SAN FRANCISCO LAWYER APPOINTED CHAIR OF  
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CHICAGO, August 16, 2005— San Francisco lawyer Sandra R. McCandless has been appointed chair of The American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (TIPS).

McCandless is a partner at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP and heads its labor and employment practice group in San Francisco. She represents management in labor and personnel matters, focusing on labor and employment litigation and alternative dispute resolution. McCandless is an active mediator and arbitrator, a member of the employment panel of the American Arbitration Association, and an Early Neutral Evaluator for the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

McCandless graduated with honors from Harvard University and received her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center. A fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers, she has authored several books, including the Research Institute of America's *Guide to Equal Employment Practices* and ABA TIPS' *The Practitioner's Guide to the Defense of EPL Claims*. A former chair of the San Francisco Barristers Club's Committee on Labor Law, McCandless has served on TIPS' Council and as chair of the Employer-Employee Relations, Long Range Planning, and Meetings Planning and Orientation Committees, as well as chair of the TIPS Communications Division. She has been a leader in both the legal profession and her community, serving as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Business Arts Council of San Francisco.

For more information about the Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section visit the TIPS Web site, [www.abanet.org/tips](http://www.abanet.org/tips).

The ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section is the only national professional group to bring together plaintiffs' lawyers, defense lawyers and insurance and corporate counsel for the exchange of information and ideas. The section's more than 30,000 members and 36 general committees focus on substantive and procedural matters in areas including aviation and space law, fidelity and surety law, medical malpractice, transportation law and others.

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