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UTAH SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE RECEIVES PURSUIT OF JUSTICE AWARD

CHICAGO, January 12, 2005— The American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) today announced that it will honor Chief Justice Christine M. Durham of the Utah Supreme Court with a Pursuit of Justice Award. The award will be presented during the 2005 ABA Midyear meeting at the Task Force for Plaintiff's Involvement Reception, from 5:00 – 6:00 pm on Friday, February 11, at the Marriott City Center, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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

Durham is the Chief Justice of the Utah Supreme Court. She has served on the court since 1982 and is the first woman to be named Chief Justice to the state Supreme Court. She received her J.D. from Duke University, where she now sits on the board of trustees, and an A.B. from Wellesley College. She is a founding member and past president of the National Association of Women Judges, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a Council Member of the American Law Institute, served on the executive committee of the Appellate Judges Conference, and served on the ABA's Commission on Women in the Profession. Durham also served on the Federal Judicial Conference's Advisory Committee on the Rules of Civil Procedure.

An ardent supporter of education, Durham heads the Education for Justice Project, a partnership between public education, the judicial branch, and the legal profession to improve education about the justice system in Utah public schools. She has taught at Duke, Brigham Young University and the University of Utah on constitutional law, family law and medicine and is a member of the Utah Constitutional Revision Commission. Chief Justice Durham is currently the Chair of the Utah Judicial Council, and also serves on the Commission on Justice in the 21st Century, the Committee on Improving Jury Service, the Utah Judicial Branch Education Committee, and the courts' Public Outreach Committee.

For more information about the Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section visit the TIPS Web site, 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 25,000 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.

With more than 400,000 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 in a democratic society.