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UTAH LAWYER 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 Utah lawyer L. Rich Humphreys, President of Christensen & Jense, P.C., 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.

A law firm President for six years, Humphreys practices in tort and insurance law with an emphasis in insurance bad faith and fraud, representing both plaintiffs and defendants. In one of his most widely recognized cases, he represented the plaintiffs in Campbell v. State Farm that addressed the mistreatment of the Campbells and unearthed a nationwide pattern of fraud and mistreatment of insureds and claimants throughout the country. Humphreys has lectured around the country and authored numerous publications, including the recent article in the Utah Trial Journal, "A Conservative Republican Speaks out Against Tort Reform," (Winter 2003-4). He was named the Utah Trial Lawyer of the year in 1999 and is listed in Outstanding Lawyers of America, The Best Lawyers in America and Who's Who in American Law.

Humphreys earned his B.A. and J.D. degree from Brigham Young University. For the first 15 years of his practice he primarily represented insurance companies and other defendants being sued for civil damages, although most of his renown emanates from his plaintiffs work. He is on the Commission Task Force for the Utah Department of Insurance and is the designated liaison to the Utah Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Professionalism. He is also highly involved in the community and serves on the Board of Directors for the Utah Alliance of the Mentally Ill and on the leadership council for Brigham Young University's College of Nursing.

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.

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