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WILLIAM H. BLACK JR. AWARDED ANDREW C. HECKER MEMORIAL AWARD

CHICAGO, MAY 09, 2008— The American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section honored William H. Black Jr., Esq., partner with Post & Schell, P.C., Philadelphia, with the Andrew C. Hecker Memorial Award for Excellence. The award was presented during the 2008 TIPS Spring Leadership Meeting in Las Vegas on Saturday, May 3.

The Andrew C. Hecker Memorial Award for Excellence is named for the late Andrew C. Hecker of Philadelphia, a former TIPS section chair. This annual award recognizes a TIPS member who consistently demonstrates the qualities of leadership, outreach, enthusiasm, professionalism, and pride in TIPS and its accomplishments.

Section Chair Peter Bennett of Portland, Maine said of Black, "Bill exemplifies the many fine attributes that this award represents. He is a dedicated member of TIPS, always working to better the section and make a difference. Bill is a true leader. It is a very fitting tribute to Andrew Hecker's memory that Bill is the recipient of this award, for Bill and Andrew were long-time friends and Bill considers Andrew as his mentor. Andrew would be quite proud of Bill's accomplishments."

Black specializes in handling a wide variety of complex first-party and third-party insurance coverage and bad faith matters in federal and state courts throughout the mid-Atlantic region. He has litigated numerous cases and provided advice to clients in a broad range of insurance contexts, including primary and excess coverages, surplus lines coverages and reinsurance. Black's experience also includes matters involving risk retention groups and captive insurers. His practice also

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encompasses representation of excess insurers in catastrophic injury matters, in which he monitors litigation and participates in settlement negotiations. In addition, he has handled a variety of matters involving the interplay of contractual and insurance-related indemnity claims.

Black earned his Juris Doctor at Villanova University School of Law, Pa., in 1980. He completed his Bachelor of Arts at the University of Delaware, in 1977.

Black is vice-chair of the Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee of the ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section and is named to the TIPS Public Service Honor Roll. Other affiliations include: the Philadelphia Bar Association; Presbyterian Children's Village Services, member, Board of Directors (chair 2004-2005), Rosemont, Pa., 1998-present; and Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, member, Board of Trustees, Bryn Mawr, Pa., 2004-present.

In addition to authoring a variety of publications, and receiving a number of professional awards and honors, Black was named Super Lawyer in Insurance Coverage by his peers in 2007, and has earned an AV Martindale Hubbell rating.

Black has lectured on insurance coverage topics for the ABA Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section, the Defense Research Institute and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute.

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 has more than 32,000 members and 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.

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