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**SOUTH CAROLINA LAWYER TIMOTHY W. BOUCH NAMED CHAIR OF AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION TORT TRIAL & INSURANCE PRACTICE SECTION**

CHICAGO, Aug. 13, 2008 — The American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section announced today that Timothy W. Bouch of Leath, Bouch & Crawford, LLP, Charleston, S.C., will serve as section chair for a one-year term that began at the close of the ABA Annual Meeting in New York City on August 12. Bouch was elected to the post in 2007 and served as chair-elect for the 2007-08 term.

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 35,000 members and 34 general committees that focus on substantive and procedural matters in areas across the broad spectrum of civil law and practice.

Bouch, managing partner at Leath, Bouch & Crawford, LLP, practices in the areas of environmental law, construction law and corporate litigation. Admitted to practice in South Carolina, North Carolina and Texas, Bouch has an active national trial practice. He received his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina in 1979 and his bachelor's degree from Marquette University in 1972. Bouch was a Navy lieutenant on active duty from 1972 to 1976, after which he served in the U.S. Naval Reserve until 1992. He retired from the reserve as a lieutenant commander.

Bouch has been a dedicated and long-time member of the ABA. He is past chair of the ABA Section of Litigation Environmental Litigation Committee. He has served on the ABA Standing Committee on Professional Discipline, the section council of TIPS and the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility Publications Board. He is also past chair of the editorial board of the ABA /BNA Lawyers Manual on Professional Responsibility.

In 2007-2008, Bouch was vice-chair of TIPS Toxic Torts & Environmental Law Committee and chair of the ABA Standing Committee on Specialization. He is a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and an elected member of the American Law Institute.

Bouch's professional affiliations extend beyond the ABA. He was a member of the South Carolina Bar House of Delegates from 1998-2006 and represented the South Carolina Bar in the ABA House of Delegates from 2001-2005. He also chaired the South Carolina Supreme Court Commission on the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Bouch teaches ethics and professional responsibility at the Charleston School of Law and is included in the publication *The Best Lawyers in America*.

With more than 413,000 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.

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