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Dean Ronald A. Cass is Recipient of 2008 Robert B. McKay Law Professor Award

CHICAGO, June 17, 2008 — The American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section will present the 2008 Robert B. McKay Law Professor Award to Ronald A. Cass, dean emeritus of Boston University School of Law. The annual award recognizes law professors who are committed to the advancement of justice, scholarship and the legal profession in the fields of tort and insurance law.

The presentation will be made during the 2008 ABA Annual Meeting in New York City at the section's 75th Anniversary Dinner Aug. 10, in the Delegates Dining Room at the United Nations Building. The event will take place from 7 – 10 p.m.

Section Chair Peter Bennett of Portland, Maine said of Cass, "His dedication to academia and the rule of law is inspiring. During his career, Dean Cass has made countless contributions to the legal profession through his hard work and unwavering commitment to the advancement of justice. The quality of Dean Cass' scholarship and the skill with which he presents is unsurpassed. His book The Rule of Law in America is not only a legal gem but a solid contribution to legal philosophy. He is truly deserving of this distinguished award."

Cass is chairman of the Center for the Rule of Law, an independent, non-profit center of international scholars analyzing rule of law issues and is president of Cass & Associates, PC, a legal consultancy in Great Falls, Va. He was dean at Boston University School of Law from 1990-2004. Cass also served Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush as vice-chairman and commissioner of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

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Cass is a member of numerous organizations, including the American Law Institute and the Mont Pèlerin Society; he has been active in the leadership of the ABA, and is a past chair of the Administrative Law Section; and Cass is a member of the Federalist Society. He serves on the boards of several non-profit enterprises, including the Roger Williams University School of Law. He has been an advisor to governments, law firms, businesses and international organizations, including serving as advisor to the United States Administrative Conference on government tort liability issues. Cass also sits as an international arbitrator on cases encompassing both private disputes and matters involving nations' compliance with international legal obligations, and is affiliated with the London Court of International Arbitration.

Cass received his Juris Doctor from the University of Chicago Law School in 1973 and his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia in 1970.

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

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